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Air Raid Havoc In Southern Finland

Machinegun Fire On Civilians: Many Casualties

Over Dozen Towns Ablaze

Two Soviet 'Planes Brought Down? Swedish Contingent For Finland

HELSINKI, January 15.

Air-raids over Southern Finland on Sunday were the heaviest so far experienced. There were many civilian casualties and considerable damage was done.

At many places the raiders machinegunned civilians.

In the country, besides Helsinki, over a dozen towns were attacked, large fires occurred and telephone and telegraph connections were broken.

It is officially stated that Soviet 'planes dropped nearly 600 bombs on four towns—Espoo, Rajamaki, Lohja and Karja.

The principal damage appears to have been inflicted on Hango, communications with which have been severed. Two Soviet 'planes are reported to have been brought down.

During the wave of week-end air-raids the greatest damage was done at Vaasa, where 90 bombs were dropped in five raids. Russians seem to be determined to put this important port out of action as well as Abo and Salo. Several citizens were killed and a number wounded. Serious fires broke out.—Reuter.

On Karelian Isthmus

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Reuter's special correspondent in Mannerheim Line telegraphs that with further snowfall during the week-end and the drop of temperature to 10 degrees below zero, operations on the Karelian Isthmus have again been brought to a standstill.

An outstanding feature on the Mannerheim Line is the way nature is made to do part of the army's work. In one place, it is a vast lake, in another it is a forest, where all trees have been cut down to a height of three feet forming a natural barrier against tanks.

The Finns estimate that there are about 400,000 Russians on the Isthmus and they are in direct contact with Finnish troops along the whole line.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15.

Another large contingent of swedish volunteers left here for Finland.

The contingent included the Chairman of the Swedish Social Democrat Youth Organisation.

Swedish masons have proposed to organise a volunteer corps 1,000 strong to assist the Finns to construct defences behind their present front lines.—Reuter.

FINNISH APPEAL FOR HELP

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet's superiority in the air, a Finnish Legation spokesman told Reuter.

Despite constant straffing from air, the morale of Finns is unbroken but it will be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes on land meant that she was winning the war. Her fate depended on her securing more help in the air. She appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TO TAKE INITIATIVE

Will Send Message To Congress To Extend Aid To Finland

WASHINGTON, January 15.

President Roosevelt informed Congressional leaders that he would send a communication to the Congress shortly on extending aid to Finland.—Reuter.

Senator Connally's Protest

WASHINGTON, January 14.

The Republican Members of the Senate Banking Currency Commission served a notice that they will attempt to block the action on the proposal to lend 60,000,000 dollars to Finland until the State Department clearly votes its views on the subject. Senator Connally an influential Member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate voiced sentiments of many of his colleagues declaring that United States had no right to commit Government Funds in loan to warring nations "Even though we sympathise deeply with Finland."—Reuter.

WAR WILL BE OVER BY SPRING

What Hitler Told Troops: Offensive This Month?

STOCKHOLM, January 15.

It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether Belgo-Dutch defence measures are really justified by German threats, states the Berlin correspondent of "Dagbladet". Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive has been planned for this month. It is unlikely that the offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality but events might lead to this. The intense cold improves possibilities of action in the flooded Low Countries. The only object of an immediate German offensive will be a hope of ending the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Herr Hitler during Christmas have written home to the effect that Herr Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by the spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.—Reuter.

On Western Front

Civilians Evacuated From Villages

Germans Bring Long Range Guns Into Action Near Wissembourg

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The Germans are reported to have brought long range guns into action near Wissembourg on the Western Front and the French authorities have evacuated civilians from some villages, which are ten miles away from the frontier.

A Luxembourg report says that a shell burst near the Luxembourg bank of river Moselle to-day by violent artillery action.—Reuter

BR. 'PLANES OVER N. W. GERMANY

LONDON: It is believed that British reconnaissance aeroplanes flew over north-west Germany during the night. German wireless stations were silent for some time as is their usual practice while 'planes are in the vicinity.

The Air Ministry has made no official announcement but it is understood that only in the case of exceptional flights, similar to those to Vienna and Prague, will announcements be made in future.—Reuter.

NO LEAVE FOR R.A.F. IN FRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Reuter's special correspondent with the British Air Forces in France telegraphs that it is officially announced that for the time being leave for British Air Forces in France has been cancelled. This does not affect those at present on leave, who will return in normal time.—Reuter.

B. E. F.'s Leave Suspended

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The War Office announces that leave service for the B. E. F. is temporarily suspended.

No information is so far obtainable regarding the reason for the suspension or whether it could be definitely attributed to tension in Belgium and Holland.

It could not be ascertained whether the period of suspension is likely to be long or short.

It is learned that the men at present on leave wont be recalled, but no further leave will be granted for the time being.—Reuter.

MINED IN NORTH SEA

OSLO, January 14.

The Norwegian steamer 'Fredville' 1,150 tons was mined in the North Sea. There are five survivors. Eleven men who are missing are feared to have perished.

German 'Plane Brought Down

PARIS: A German reconnaissance 'plane over northern France was chased by two French fighters and brought down in a field. The crew of three were taken prisoners.—Reuter.

Br. Air Raid Does It

ZURICH: According to the Swiss newspaper, "Basler Nachrichten", a black-out has been reimposed in Vienna following British reconnaissance flights over Austria and Bohemia.

The reason for the measure is given officially as the need for economising on coal.—Reuter.

PARIS, Jan. 15.

The publication of the well known evening newspaper "Journal des Debats" has been suspended for two days by censorship authorities.—Reuter.

Neptune might get a job as traffic cop.
(—"Kansas City Star")

'QUAKE ROCKS SICILY

LONDON, Jan. 15.

There were two earthquake shocks in Sicily this afternoon. Two people were killed and several injured. Some buildings and churches collapsed.—Reuter.

BR. AIRLINER CRASHES

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A British air-liner bound for Alexandria and Calcutta crashed during the take-off at an airport near London. None of the seven passengers was injured. The crew also escaped except the first officer, who received a slight cut. The 'plane overran the aerodrome and crashed through the fence into an orchard and was badly damaged.

A relief 'plane runs to-morrow.

ULTIMATUM TO MILLOWNERS

Ahmedabad Workers' Demand For War Allowance

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 15.

The dispute between the Millowners' Association and the Textile Labour Union regarding dearness allowance to textile workers is heading towards a crisis.

"We have no hopes of settlement looking to the dilatory tactics adopted by the millowners," declared a prominent Labour leader to-day. He added that if there was no settlement, direct action would be inevitable.

The dispute is at present heard by a conciliator, and after several adjournments the millowners have asked for a Conciliation Board from the Bombay Government. The Labour Union have also written to the Government pointing out the delay in the proceedings before the Conciliator, and emphasising the urgency of the problem.

IN TOUCH WITH MAHATMA

Mahatma Gandhi has been kept in constant touch with the developments and, it is understood, has been apprised of the serious situation that is likely to develop, by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, who was at Wardha recently.

ULTIMATUM

A notice to settle the dispute has been given by the Labour Union to the millowners, which expires on February 26. After this date the Union will be free to take any action it chooses. Labour circles emphatically feel that a strike is inevitable now, and further developments are expected.—United Press.

Britain Must Declare India's Freedom First

Congress Terms For Going Back To Offices

SARDAR PATEL ON GOVERNORS' SILENCE ON MUSLIM LEAGUE CHARGES

YEOTMAL, January 15.

The present deadlock was capable of solution only if the Congress demand for a declaration of India's freedom and the convocation of a Constituent Assembly were acceeded to, said Sardar Patel inaugurating the Berar Political Conference.

CONGRESS' TERMS

The Congress could go back to office to-morrow, if it so chose, but it wouldnot do so until and unless its demands had been met.

Governors Must Speak Out

Sardar Patel then referred to the appeal made to Mahatma Gandhi by leaders from Madras and expressed wonder how people were easily led away. He expressed pain at the silence of the Governors with regard to the charges levelled against the Congress Ministries by the Muslim League. If only the Governors spoke the truth, he said, the League would be exposed.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

Appealing for unity within the Congress ranks, the Sardar said, that some were impatient. The Forward Bloc had been threatening to do something for the past twelve months, though nothing had been so far done. The situation with which the country was confronted was most serious. The only leader who could give a real lead was Mahatma Gandhi, who was pledged to non-violence. It behoved the people, if they expected Mahatma Gandhi to lean them, to demonstrate their faith in him, their faith in non-violence and their faith in the constructive programme laid down by the Working Committee.

INDEPENDENCE PLEDGE

Referring to the new Independence Pledge, Sardar Patel said that the pledge itself was ten years old. It was a pledge for Independence, which the country took ten years ago at Lahore. The Khadi programme was older still; the flag they were saluting had the Charka in it. He wondered how anybody could be opposed to such a programme in which there was nothing new. He made a fervent appeal to Mr. M. S. Aney and others opposed to the

(Continued on page 7, column 4.)

Norway's Reply To Soviet Charges

SWEDEN'S PROTEST AGAINST BOMBING

Talks With Italy Not Directed Against Russia Assures Hungary

The Norwegian Foreign Minister replying to the Soviet charge of breaches of Neutrality says: "Those who have helped Finland have been able to do so as we have a Free Press and Freedom of Speech in Norway but the State has acted entirely in a neutral manner and will continue to do so."

According to a cable from London the Swedish Government is to protest to Russia about dropping of bombs over a town near the Gulf of Bothnia.

Hungary's Assurance To Soviet

According to a Moscow message, Hungary has assured Russia that the recent talks between Hungary and Italy were not directed against Soviet Russia. This assurance is said to have been conveyed by the Hungarian Minister in Moscow.

NORWAY'S REPLY TO SOVIET

OSLO, Jan. 15.

The complete neutrality of Norway was emphasised by M. Koht, Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Norwegian News Agency.

M. Koht declared that the Norwegian reply to the Soviet Government concerning alleged breaches of neutrality should be entirely satisfactory to the Soviet "We naturally intend to safeguard within our frontiers liberty of action to which we are entitled in accordance with treaties. We have made it clear in our reply that those who have helped Finland have been able to do so because we have a free press and freedom of speech in Norway but that the Norwegian State has acted entirely in a neutral manner and will continue to do so."

SOVIET THREAT

LONDON, Jan. 15.

According to the Tass Agency the Soviet Government declares that actions of the Norwegian and Swedish Governments not only contradict their proclaimed policy of neutrality but "may lead to undesirable complications and disturb their normal relations" with the U.S.S.R.

SOVIET PROTEST TO SWEDEN & NORWAY

MOSCOW, January 15.

The U. S. S. R. has protested to Norway and Sweden over what is described as their "anti-Soviet policy" according to the Tass Agency which states that newspapers closely connected with the Governments of both countries and certain personages with the connivance and support of the Swedish and Norwegian authorities have begun a widespread campaign against the U. S. S. R. the Agency adds.

In view of this the Soviet Ministers in Sweden and Norway had been authorised to make appropriate representations.

The Soviet Minister in Sweden on January 5 delivered a declaration to the Swedish Foreign Minister stating that during December newspapers hostile to the U.S.S.R. "headed by a newspaper which is closely connected with the Government had carried on an impermissible campaign against the Soviet Union, which could only be explained if Sweden were in a state of war with the U.S.S.R. or preparing for war against the U.S.S.R."

According to the Moscow Radio the replies from Sweden and Norway to the protests "cannot be considered satisfactory". The radio adds "the attitude of Norway, and especially Sweden, as revealed in their answers has only proved their lack of resistance against the powers which exert pressure to involve the Scandinavian countries in the present conflict."—Reuter.

Unknown Aeroplanes Over Swedish Territory

STOCKHOLM Jan 14

The Foreign Office has announced to-night that unknown aeroplanes this morning flew over the Swedish Territory including Archipelago between Haparanda and Lulea. Heavy snowfall prevented identification.

Several bombs were dropped on Kallaz six miles south-west of Lulea and they exploded upon ice. Investigations are proceeding to establish the origin of bombs.

Haparanda had the first Air Raid Warning on Sunday owing to raid in nearby the Finnish town Tornea.—Reuter.

Sweden To Protest To Russia

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Sweden is to make a protest to Russia about the dropping of bombs in south west Lulea, a town near the Gulf of Bothnia.—Reuter.

Soviet 'Planes Cross Norwegian Frontier

OSLO, Jan. 15.

Soviet 'planes operating in northern Finnish Front crossed the Norwegian Frontier, according to press reports.

It is added that one 'plane even landed on the Norwegian side of the Pasvik river but took off again almost immediately.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NAZIS SINK DUTCH STEAMER

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.

The 8,000-ton Dutch steamer "Arendskerk" bound for South Africa from Antwerp was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, 100 miles off Ushant and she sank immediately. The Italian steamer "Fedora" saved all the occupants. There was a crew of 65 and no passengers. Capt. Wikker of the "Arendskerk" telegraphed to his company the United Netherlands Company of The Hague that the ship was torpedoed after being searched. Of the crew 28 were Europeans and the remainder British Indians. The vessel was carrying 4,000 tons of cargo consisting of normal piecegoods.—Reuter.

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Manager.
(12717)

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY No. 90 of 1938.

Re: ZUBEIDA EBRAHIM, of Bombay, Mahomedan Inhabitant residing at Dhanraj Mahal, Apollo Pier Road, formerly carrying on business as Cinema Film Producer under the style and firm of Shri Mahaluxmi Cinetone at Tardeo upto October 1934 and thereafter working as a film star upto August 1936 and since then unemployed: An Insolvent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed Insolvent has applied to the Court for her discharge and that the Court has fixed the 20th day of February, 1940, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for hearing the application.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1940.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
(1785)

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY No. 120 of 1938.

Re: GULAMHUSEIN DATUBHAI, of Bombay, Mahomedan Inhabitant, till lately residing at Hughes Road, without the Fort of Bombay: An Insolvent.

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Dated this 15th day of January, 1940.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
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SUPPORT FOR "HINDU MILITIA"

Dadar Mahasabha And Calcutta Decision

A Dadar correspondent writes:: A public meeting was held on Monday last, in Wanmali Hall at Dadar, to explain Calcutta Hindu Mahasabha's message under the auspices of the Hindu Mahasabha, Dadar. Rao Bhadur S. K. Bole, presided. Mr. Shankarrao Lele, Secretary Bombay Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, proposed a resolution condemning Rai Bahadur Beliram's murder. Dr. Savarkar described the Calcutta session's salient feature. While dealing with the Hindu Militia resolution he thanked the India Government for throwing open recruiting for cadet officers irrespective of caste, religion, class and province, as special response to Hindu Mahasabha War resolution.

He strongly appealed to young Hindus to come forward in hundreds for enlistment. He explained the Hindu Mahasabha's two years' programme emphasizing the starting of Hindu Militia.

Rao Bahadur Bole summed up the proceedings.

"Young India", Gramophone Record Forfeited

The Government of Bombay has ordered the forfeiture of all copies wherever found of the gramophone record, "Young India," containing "inter alia' a Hindi song beginning with the words "Bharatke nav-javano! Chalo kholkar seena gar chahate ho jeena", produced by the National Gramophone Record Manufacturing Company, Limited, 110, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, and the catalogue dated August 1939, containing the song printed at the Kothari Printing Press, Fort, Bombay, and all other documents containing copies, translations or extracts of the song on the ground that it contains words of the nature described in clause (d) of section 4 (1) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931.

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High Court

REFUSAL TO TAKE OUT LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Proper Procedure Under Administrator-Generals' Act

(Before Mr. Justice Blackwell).
Re: Abraham Benjamin .. Deceased.
Issack Abraham Benjamin & Ors. .. Petitioners.

This was an application by way of a notice of motion under Section 10 of the Administrator-Generals Act praying for an order that the Administrator-General be given possession of the property of the deceased and that he be directed to obtain a grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased.

Abraham Benjamin died in September 1939 leaving him surviving a widow and three sons by his first wife who are the Petitioners herein. Under Section 219 (a) of the Indian Succession Act the widow would be the person entitled to obtain a grant of Letters of Administration. However, in spite of repeated requests by the Petitioners, she neglected to obtain a grant of representation to the estate of her deceased husband. The sons now allege that she has been selling away the furniture and wasting the assets of the deceased, and that they are unable to safeguard their two-third interests in the property as there was no person who represented it and who could be called upon to account for it.

In the circumstances, the petitioners adopted the present proceedings by a notice of motion under the Administrator-Generals' Act.

His Lordship granted the prayer of the application and directed the Administrator-General to take possession of the property of the deceased. The rest of the notice of motion with regard to directing the Administrator-General to obtain a grant of representation to the estate of the deceased was ordered to stand over 'sine die.' His Lordship held that this was the proper procedure inasmuch as it would affect the rights of the widow, who could in the meantime, if she so chose, obtain Letters of Administration to the estate under Section 12 of the Administrator-Generals' Act. In that event the Court would be free to make the grant to her.

Mr. J. S. Khergamwalla instructed by Messrs. Phiroz B. Choksey & Co., appeared for the petitioners.

GOVT.'S APPEAL AGAINST ACQUITTAL

The appeal filed by the Government of Bombay against the acquittal by the Sessions Judge of Kaira of five persons in a murder case was allowed by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court.

In the lower court the assessors found all the accused guilty, but the Judge disagreed with them.

Hiralal Jethalal, the fifth accused in the case, was a nephew of the deceased, Mohanlal who possessed considerable landed property in Borsad and the adjoining villages, and was also working as a "shroff". Hiralal was in charge of the management of the estates, in which he had a share. The first, third and fourth accused were the tenants of the deceased and Hiralal.

The deceased was living in Borsad with his wife Kashi. He had only one issue, a daughter who had a son, to whom the deceased intended to give away his properties. Hiralal, however, wanted to get the property himself, and with this object in view, he conspired with the other four accused to do away with his uncle.

In pursuance to the conspiracy, on December 23, 1938, Hiralal took his uncle, on some pretext, to the field of the second accused where the first four accused belaboured him with axes and "lathis." The corpse was removed to the field of the police patil of Bodal, a village four miles distant.

All the accused denied the charges and pleaded that they were falsely involved in the case by witnesses who were hostile to Hiralal.

Giving judgment in appeal, Their Lordships, on the evidence, convicted the accused, and sentenced all of them to transportation for life.

KARACHI, Jan. 15.:—Four other members of the Manzilgah Restoration Committee, including Dr. Wajidali have been released from the Central Jail, Hyderabad. Their movements have been restricted, and they are confined to their village homes.—United Press.

KARACHI, Jan. 15:—Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram has resigned his presidentship of the Provincial Congress Committee owing to health consideration.

Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Monday.

A verdict of accidental death due to her having been knocked down by a hack victoria at Frere Road on Saturday was returned by the City Coroner at the inquest held on the body of Shantabai Nama (30) to-day.

At the resumed inquest on the body of John D'Souza, aged 30, who was run over by a dilapidated motor truck (W. 2806) and later died in the J. J. Hospital on December 27, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by shock and haemorrnage from extensive internal injuries.

The jury added that the driver Mohommed Isakh Bhola should be prosecuted under Sec. 304 A.I.P. Code for rash and negligent driving, not amounting to culpable homicide.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF GABA.

A warrant for the arrest of Govind Lalji, alias Gaba, wanted by the police under the Gambling Act, was issued this morning, by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

It was stated that Gaba was operating a gambling den at Shak Galli, which was raided by the Anti-Gambling Squad on the 11th instant. Five of his men were arrested in the raid but Gaba who(was seen nearby, eluded the police.

The warrant is bailable in the sum of Rs. 200.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILING A SCHOOL TEACHER

BOMBAY, Monday.

A city school teacher lodged a complaint with the police against Ravilal Tolakshi and three others.

The accused, who were arrested in consequence of the complaint, were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, and were ordered to be released on a bail of Rs. 500 each.

The police applying for a remand of the accused to custody, stated that a city school teacher went to the Navi-wadi Fair in December when he was accosted by the first accused. On being told that he was a school master, the accused told him that he wanted a tutor and took him to a room at Cavell Street.

In the room, the associates of the accused are alleged to have told the complainant that he was in the room for immoral purposes and threatened to involve him in a criminal case.

They posed as C. I. D. Officers. They, however, promised to release him on payment of Rs. 250.

The complainant, finding himself in an awkward position, promised to pay the sum if they accompanied him as he had no money in his person. Followed by the accused, the complainant went to a bank at Girgaum. He then gave Rs. 250 to the accused.

Even after this, the accused are alleged to have threatened the complainant when he gave a further sum of Rs. 200.

He then lodged a complaint with the police and the accused were arrested.

ACCUSED'S COUNSEL WITHDRAWS

Allegations of certain irregularities made against the Sessions Judge of Satara formed the basis of a transfer application made at the High Court by one Chandu Buwaji Tikunde, who is charged with murder in a case pending before the Judge.

As a result of the Sessions Judge's conduct, it was stated, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the accused's counsel, had withdrawn from the case.

The petitioner stated that the judge did not take down the answers of a prosecution witness in his cross-examination by Dr. Ambedkar as they came from the witness, but recorded them in a manner more favourable to the prosecution.

The judge also it was stated watered down the admissions of the witness by himself putting questions to him. He did not accede to Dr. Ambedkar's request that the answers of the witness be recorded as given by the witness.

The judge, it was stated, also disallowed certain questions put by Dr. Ambedkar, which were material to the defence case. Not only that but, it was further alleged, when Counsel put certain questions relating to the contradictions in the witness' evidence, the Judge refused to take down the questions and himself tried to explain away the contradictions. In view of this Dr. Ambedkar withdrew from the case.

In the circumstances, the petitioner felt reasonable apprehensions that he would not get a fair and impartial trial at the hands of the judge and made the present application for transfer of the case to any other court.

In support of his petition, the petitioner also filed an affidavit of Dr. Ambedkar corroborating the allegations against the judge.

The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen admitted the application and ordered a stay of the proceedings pending disposal of the application.

FREE FIGHT IN DOCK AREA

Eight Injured Persons Removed To Hospital

BOMBAY, Monday

Members of two rival parties, alleged to be living on petty thieving in the dock area came to blows last evening. Eight pesons, who received injuries, were removed to the G. T. Hospital.

The police hastened to the spot and arrested twelve persons on charges of rioting and causing hurt. The accused, Abdul Razak Jehangirkhan and eleven others, were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, and were ordered to be released on a bail of Rs. 500 each.

The police stated that as their interests clashed, rivalry existed between the two parties for some time. Yesterday at about 3-30 p.m. members of one gang were going along the B.P.T. Railway lines, when the members of the other party challenged them. The dock yard, they declared, was not a place for petty thieves.

This remark was resented by the first party, who demanded an apology. Threats, followed threats and from words they came to blows, resulting in a free fight in which stones and sticks were freely used. Nearly 40 persons participated in the clash.

PATNA, Jan. 15.:—It is understood that Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose will resume his Bihar tour on February 1. The tour will last ten days.—United Press.

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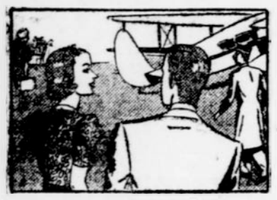

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On The Air

TUESDAY, 16TH JAN.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 Bhajans. 5-25 Kumari Sarla Dang. 5-40 A light orchestral programme. 6-15 Rehman Khan. 6-30 For villagers only. 7-30 How they cure us, 2. 7-45 Radhabai 8 Episodes from the Epics. 8-15 Abdush Shakur. 8-30 Air Strings. 8-35 Duets. 8-50 Current events. 10 Kamra Nambar Panch.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 6-15 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 6-15 B. S. Rawat. 6-30 Radhabai. 6-50 Ghulam Fareed. 7-10 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 7-15 Abdush Shakur. 7-30 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7-45 Kumari Sarla Dang. 8 to 9-30 As in Delhi 1. 9-30 As in Delhi 1. 10 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Gur Purb. 7-20 Budh Singh Tan. 7-30 Shri Guru Gobind Singh. 7-45 Bhai Santa Singh Ragi and party. 7-55 Tareia. 8 Anecdotes from the life of Guru Gobind Singh. 8-15 Respectability, 2. 8-30 Women's Programme. 9-50 Malgunji. 10 Noor Jahan. 10-15 Budh Singh Tan.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit ! 8-10 Vinayakrao Patwardhan. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Basheer Qawwal. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 What shall I cook ? 9-5 R. S. Chandavarkar. 9-15 Lalit on the Vichitra Veena. 9-18 Kanha-ka-Khel. 9-28 Manohar Deshpande. 9-35 Krishnarao Chonker.

12-30 p.m. Dhyan Magna. 12-45 Instrumental Duets. 12-55 Taj orchestra. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Marathi Bhabgeets. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 From Jeewan Natak. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour programme. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 World history. 2-50 Ras and Garba. 3 Games and Sports in Schools.

5 You asked for it. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by R. N. Manelkar. 5-50 Selected by Lal M. Badlaney. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Information Bureau. 6-20 R. S. Chandavarkar. 6-30 Sansar Chitra. 6-40 R. S. Chandavarkar. 6-50 Manne Chakar Rakhoji. 7 Basheer Qawwal. 7-10 Ahalyabai. 7-25 Moods of the Muse. 7-40 Saying it with sound. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Krishnarao Chonker. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-45 Introduction. 9-50 Chamber music. 10-30 Late news.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Bibhas on the Sarod. 8-25 Onkarnath Thakur. 8-35 Ahalyabai. 8-45 Theka Dhammar. 8-55 Teen Dadre. 9-5 Bai Azambai. 9-40 Instrumental Duet. 9-48 Narayan Stutt.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Juthika Roy. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Music. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1. 3-15 Close down.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Sindhi songs. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Marathi pads. 6-10 Hamid Husain. 6-20 Naghma-i-Santosh. 6-23 Ahalyabai. 6 35 Kafi on the violin. 6-45 S. A. Akhtar. 7 A picture—How to see it. 7-15 Jalatarang Solo. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Bai Azambai. 8-15 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 The way out, 1. 8-45 Latest songs: 8-55 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Baliraj-Gan. 9-10 Recitations from Hindustani poems. 9-20 Krishnarao Chonker. 9-45 The Air Quartet. 9-55 Bai Azambai. 10-30 Late news.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Opening strokes. 5-10 Mukhtar Begam. 5-50 Kanti Guha. 6-5 Gnayer Pathey. 7 Doctoring the Doctor. 8 Mukhtar Begam. 8-30 Tilak Kamod on the Sitar. 9-5 Nirmal Bhattacharya. 9-45 Nirmal Bhattacharya. 10 Mukhtar Begam.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

6-10 p.m. Special programme on the birthday anniversary of Guru Govind Singh. 7 Suren Pal. 7-10 Vijoy Shukla. 7-30 Leelabai. 7-50 Sing learn and sing again. 8-20 Leelabai. 9 Ena Leicester. 9-45 Panchanan Bhattacharya. 10-10 Santilata Devi.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 9-30 p.m .As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Organists of the present day. 9-45 Chamber music. 10 B. Swederski. 10-15 Variety.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Anwarbai. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Ek Tha Raja. 7-30 Qalmi Tasweeron ki Parakh. 7-45 Anwarbai. 8 Nairang. 8-20 Kumari Gyanwati Bhatnagar. 8-30 War past and present, 1. 8-45 Anwarbai. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Kumari Gyanwati Bhatnagar. 9-57 Reference Your Letter. 10-12 Anwarbai.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Children's Educational Broadcasts. 4-3 Things of interest. 4-6 Romance of Transport. 4-16 Song story in Telugu. 4-20 Health First, 1. 4-30 Harry Roy and his orchestra. 4-45 Johanna De Vries. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Shrimati Bangalore Nagaratnamal. 6-5 K. V. Kesava Bhagavathar. 6-40 Today's Headline 6-45 Sar Nichayama Nalaikku. 7 To-day's Healine. 7-5 Tough Jobs. 7-15 Instrumental interlude. 7-50 Shrimati N. C. Vasantakokilam. 9 Weekly discussion. 9-45 Air Violinist. 10 Shrimati N. C. Vasantakokilam.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-10 Godla Kapu. 6-25 The night school. 6-30 Rural airs. 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 After the stage tradition.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-15 News in Tamil. 5-20 Shrimati M. R. Vasavambal 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 Kunnakudi Venkataramier. 7 Life a circus, 1. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Shrimati M. R. Vasavambal. 8-30 The dream that came true. 8-45 Papa Venkatarama Iyengar. 9-45 Kunnakudi Venkataramier.

Java Programme

(21, 25, 27, 29 and 31 m.)

15-04 Concert. 16-00 Popular music. 16-30 Hawaiian music. 17-25 Paul Whiteman concert. 18-00 Violinist Joscha Heifetz. 18-40 Merkelbach concert. 19-15 Carrnll Gibbons and Boy Friends. 19-30 Nirom orchestra. 20-01 Nirom orchestra. 20-30 Julius Tauster's Band.

Moderate Trade Support In N. Y. Cotton Market

PRICES FLUCTUATE WITHIN NARROW RANGE

Discussion On Farm Parity Payments

Bombay, Jan 15

On Saturday, the New York cotton market was narrow with activity chiefly confined to further transferring of long hedges forward by Spot houses and co-operatives. The market opened steady. Prices declined on Bombay selling of distants, scattered hedging and commission house liquidation encountering trade price fixing and local and New Orleans buying. Prices eased in sympathy with securities but met renewed trade support.

At the opening March was quoted 2 points down at 10.91 and declined to 10.89 which was the lowest level. Later on there was improved buying and prices advanced to 10.94 which was the highest level. The market finally closed at a decline of 4 points to a rise of 2 points. Spot cotton prices declined 6 points at 11.15c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady and closed unchanged. Spot cotton prices also remained unchanged at 10.78c. per lb.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET

The Alexandria cotton market was weak on increased selling. Sakels futures declined 90 to 70 points and Ashmouni futures closed at a loss of 54 to 58 points.

NEW YORK REVIEW

With traders awaiting fresh incentive, the market was quiet and chiefly lower. A leading spot interest was a fair seller but offerings from other sources were generally small with price-fixing furnishing the chief support. However, the easiness of foreign markets, the decline in the stock market and the revival of tax fears were unsettling factors.

The movement to domestic mills and export channels continues to compare very favourably with recent seasons. The remarks of Secretary Wallace that unless the forty-five billion dollar limitation to the national debt was lifted a new source must be found for funds with which to make farm parity payments were much discussed.

Memphis reports improved spot demand with the basis slightly easier.

Cotton goods business was of a routine type. In the meantime, while some opine that the market has established a ceiling at 11.25 cents for March, the majority despite the current setback expect that the next important move will be upward.

COTTON EXPORTS

United States exports of cotton for the first five months of the current season from August to December totalled 3,143,000 valued at 166,848,000 dollars increases respectively of 1,241,000 bales and 69,035,000 dollars over last year. Much heavier shipments were made to the United Kingdom, Sweden, Canada, China, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and France. On the other hand shipments to Japan were smaller, while there were none to Germany since September.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (10-38 a.m.) ..... 10.94+01

New York March lowest (10-4 a.m.) ..... 10.89—04

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :

New York : 900 thousand sales based March still unpriced and these fixations should strengthen March as maturity approaches. Doubt any sustained advance October. Therefore March October difference should widen some further.

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from New York Cotton Exchange Service :

We estimate domestic consumption of all cotton in December at 665,000 bales; the average consumption per working day during December was 36,900 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts.

New York, Jan 13

January	11.15
March	11.15
May	10.79+01
July	10.45—01
October	9.66—04
December	9.58—04

Proposed Bank Act

Draft Bill

PART I
GENERAL.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Bank Act 19—

(2) It shall come into force on the day of; and

(3) It extends to the whole of British India including British Baluchistan and the Santhal Parganas.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

(a) "banking" means the accepting of deposits on current account or otherwise subject to withdrawal by cheque:

(b) "banking company" means a company as defined by the Indian Companies Act including a foreign company which does the business of banking in British India.

(c) "scheduled bank" means a scheduled bank as defined in sub-clause (e) of section 2 of the Reserve Bank of India Act (II of 1934)

(d) The Reserve Bank means the Reserve Bank of India as constituted by the Reserve Bank of India Act (II of 1934)

(e) The Court means the court having jurisdiction under the Indian Companies Act (VII of 1913)

(f) The Registrar has the same meaning as in the Indian Companies Act (VII of 1913)

(g) "approved securities" means securities in which a trustee can invest under clauses (a) to (d) inclusive of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act (Act II of 1882)

3. Nothing in this Act shall apply to a co-operative bank registered under the Co-operative Societies Act 1912 (II of 1912) or any other law for the time being in force in British India relating to Co-operative Societies.

PART II.
BUSINESS OF BANKING COMPANIES.

4. A banking company may engage in any one or more of the following forms of business and no other, namely:

(1) the borrowing, raising or taking up of money; the lending or advancing of money either upon or without security; the drawing, making, accepting, discounting buying, selling, collecting and dealing in bills of exchange, hoondees, promissory notes, coupons, drafts, bills of lading, railway receipts, warrants, debentures, certificates, scrips and other instruments, and securities whether transferable or negotiable or not; the granting and issuing of letters of credit, travellers' cheques and circular notes; the buying, selling and dealing in bullion and specie; the buying and selling of foreign exchange including foreign bank notes; the acquiring, holding, issuing on commission, underwriting and dealing in stock, funds, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations, securities and investments of all kinds; the purchasing and selling of bonds, scrips or other forms of securities on behalf of constituents or others; the negotiating of loans and advances; the receiving of all kinds of bonds, scrips or valuables on deposit, or for safe custody or otherwise; the collecting and transmitting of money and securities;

(2) acting as agents for Governments or local authorities or for any other person or persons; the carrying on of agency business of any description other than the business of a managing agent of a company not being a banking company including the power to act as attorneys and to give discharges and receipts;

(3) contracting for public and private loans and negotiating and issuing the same;

(4) the promoting, effecting, insuring, guaranteeing, underwriting, participating in managing and carrying out of any issue, public or private, of State, Municipal or other loans or of shares, stock, debentures, or debenture stock of any company, corporation or association and the lending of money for the purpose of any such issue;

(5) carrying on and transacting every kind of guarantee and indemnity business.

(6) promoting or financing or assisting in promoting or financing any business undertaking or industry, either existing or new, and developing or forming the same either through the instrumentality of syndicates or otherwise;

(7) acquisition by purchase, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise of any property immovable or movable and any rights or privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient to acquire or the acquisition of which in the opinion of the company is likely to facilitate the realisation of any securities held by the company or to prevent or diminish any apprehended loss or liability;

(8) managing, selling and realising all property movable and immovable which may come into the possession of the company in satisfaction or part satisfaction of any of its claims;

(9) acquiring and holding and generally dealing with any property and any right, title or interest in any property movable or immovable which may form part of the security for any loans or advance or which may be connected with any such security;

(10) undertaking and executing trusts;

(11) undertaking the administration of estates as executor, trustee or otherwise;

(12) taking or otherwise acquiring and holding shares in any other company having objects similar to those of the company;

(13) establishing and supporting or aiding in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the company or the dependents or connections of such persons; granting pensions and allowances and making payments towards insurance; subscribing to or guaranteeing moneys for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object;

(14) the acquisition, construction, maintenance and alteration of any building or work necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company;

(15) selling, improving, managing, developing, exchanging, leasing, mortgaging, disposing of or turning into account or otherwise dealing with all or any part of the property and rights of the company;

(16) acquiring and undertaking the whole or any part of the business of any person or company, when such business is of a nature enumerated or described in this section;

(17) doing all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the promotion or advancement of the business of the company;

(18) any other business which the Central Government may by notification in the "Gazette of India" specify in addition as a form of business which it may be lawful under this section for a banking company to engage in.

5. After the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Act, a company which does banking business shall include as part of the name under which it carries on business the word 'bank', 'banker' or 'banking, and no company which does not do banking business shall use the word 'bank', 'banker' or 'banking' as part of its name.

6. No banking company shall employ or be managed by a managing agent other than a banking company for the management of the company.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 103 of the Indian Companies Act, no company shall do banking business unless;

(1) it has a paid up capital and reserve of at least one lakh of rupees, or, if it does banking business at any of the places hereinafter mentioned, an amount in respect of each such place of not less than (a) five lakhs of rupees at Bombay and Calcutta (b) two lakhs of rupees at other places with a population of over one lakh to be included in a list to be notified by the Reserve Bank of India, and (c) twenty lakhs if it operates outside the state or the province in which it has its principal office of business; provided that no banking company shall be required to have a minimum paid-up capital of more than twenty lakhs of rupees;

(2) its subscribed capital is not less than half of its authorised capital and its paid-up capital is not less than half its subscribed capital.

(3) In the case of a banking company in existence on the 1st January 1940 this section shall come into force after the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Act.

8. No banking company shall create any charge upon any unpaid capital of the company, and any such charge shall be invalid. (Sec. 227 J.)

9. Every banking company shall maintain a reserve fund, and shall, out of the declared profits of each year and before any dividend is declared, transfer a sum equivalent to not less than twenty per cent. of such profits to the reserve fund until the amount of the said fund is equal to the paid-up capital.

10. (1) Every banking company shall maintain by way of cash reserve in cash a sum equivalent to at least one and a half per cent. of the time liabilities and five per cent. of the demand liabilities of such company and shall file with the registrar before the tenth day of every month three copies of a statement of the amount so held on the Friday of each week of the preceding month with particulars of the time and demand liabilities of each such day.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1) 'demand liabilities' means liabilities which must be met on demand, and 'time liabilities' means liabilities which are not demand liabilities.

(3) Nothing in this section or in section 9 shall apply to a scheduled bank.

11. Every banking company shall within two years after the commencement of this Act maintain in cash or unencumbered approved securities valued at a price not exceeding the market price an amount which shall not at the close of business on any day be less than "thirty per cent." of the total of its time and demand liabilities in India and Burma as shown in a return to be sent weekly to the Reserve Bank of India in the manner prescribed by section 42 of the Reserve Bank of India Act (II of 1934) and subject to the explanation to sub-section (1) of that section;

(To Be Continued)

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	5-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-30	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 6-40

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan 15

2 3/4 per cent 1948-58 Loan 92-7
3 1/2 G. P. Notes 89-2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-2
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 93-12
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 87-8
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 100-0
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103-10
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-2
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 107-12
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 100-14

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-2
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 107-0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 100-4
4 per cent M Deb. 1974 99-0
5 per cent M Deb. 1959 110-0
6 per cent M Deb 1954 118-0
6 per cent KPT 1956 118-0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Jan 15

B. C. RATES :—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 15th April

LONDON :—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 15th April
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months

NEW YORK :—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS :—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN :—
Bank's selling T T 79 7/8
Bank's buying T T 78 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days 77 7/8

AMSTERDAM :—
Bank's selling D D 55

JAVA :—
Bank's selling D D 54 1/2

HONGKONG :—
Bank's selling D D 84

SHANGHAI :—
Bank's selling D D 29

SINGAPORE :—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE :—
Hongkong London 1/2 31/32 15th inst.
Shanghai London 0/5 15th inst.
Java London 7.44/52 15th inst.
New York London 3.97 1/2 13th inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2/3 1/2 13th inst.
London Paris 176 1/2/3/4 13th inst.
London Italy 78.00 13th inst.
London Belgium 23.80/95 13th inst.
London Switzerland 17.85/95 13th inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 13th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.50/55 13th inst.
London Japan 1/2 9/32 13th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 12th inst.
Gold £8-8-0 13th inst.
Silver London Ready 22 3/8 12th inst.
Silver London Ready 22 3/8 13th inst.
Silver London Forward 22 3/8 12th inst.
Silver London Forward 22 3/8 13th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 12th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 13th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 12th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 13th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 12th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 13th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money :—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 1/2 per cent.
6 months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone :—Firm

Share Bazar Displays Good Undertone

TATA STEEL DFDS. IMPROVE TO Rs. 2,265

Forward Section Closed Owing To "Valan"

Bombay, Jan 15

The forward section of the local share bazar remained entirely closed to-day on account of "Valan" but the undertone was fairly good as anticipated. The improvement in raw cotton prices helped the upward move and Tata Steel Defds. were nominally quoted at Rs. 2265 against last closing at Rs. 2232/8. The market shows good rallying power. Recent liquidation improved the technical state of the market and now prices are rapidly recovering but it will take sometime to restore full confidence and induce outsiders to enter the market.

Next month usual uncertainties of the Central Budget is likely to make cautious operations and we can expect wider fluctuations on either side.

On Saturday, the Wall Street finished irregular with fractional losses predominating after earlier advancing moderately, but nervousness was still apparent and gains attracts renewed offerings with buyers cautious owing to tax threats. In the mean while the technical position has strengthened but still lower prices will not be surprising before substantial buying develops. U. S. Steel shares declined 3/8 at 59 7/8. Anaconda Coppers closed 3/8 down at 27 7/8 and General Motors closed 1/8 lower at 51 5/8 dollars.

The cash section in the local market was fairly steady with scattered buying. There was some selective enquiry but business was restricted. The undertone was fairly good but higher prices will not induce any support at present.

There were reports current in the market that the capital of Scindia is to be increased by about Rs 75 lakhs for extension of ship building works which induced large offerings and Scindia shares declined to Rs. 22/2 from Rs. 25. The increase in the capital is reported to have been underwritten by leading firms.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Jan. 15.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	355 0
250	BOM. DYEING	1117 8
100	CENTURY	399 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	384 8
100	COLABA	200 8
100	Coorla	130 8
250	David	50 0
250	Dawn	401 4
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-8-6
100	FINLAY	199 0
100	GOKAK	226 8
1000	Hindustan	2060 0
100	Indore	52 0
100	Khetau	141 4
100	KOHINOOR	414 0
250	Laxmi	572 8
250	Madras United	25 0
100	MORARJI	232 0
250	Model	96 0
50	MYSORE	125 0
200	NEW GREAT	457 0
100	Oosmanshahi	51 0
100	PHOENIX	310 0
25	SASSOON SILK	88 4
1000	Sholapur	4400 0
50	SIMPLEX	133 0
50	SWADESHI	356 0
100	SWAN	193 0
500	Vishnu	1420 0
1000	Western	995 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	100 0
25-50	CENTRAL	35 2
500	Imperial	1525 0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	370 0
50-100	India	142 8
100	Reserve Bank	107 0
5	Union	5 11

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	138 8

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630 0
15-100	Jupiter	9 14
20	Mercantile	50 0
15-75	New India	57 12
200	Oriental	4130 0
10-50	Vulcan	6 14

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	151 4
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1485 0
10	Ajmer	10 12
50	BOMBAY TRAM	131 8
100	Bombay Suburban	165 0
10	Broach	11 8
100	Karachi	182 8
100	Poona	183 8
100	Surat	160 0
100	TATA HYDRO	157 0
1000	TATA POWER	1360 0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	985 0
100	C. Province	100 8
100	Dh. Baramati	95 8
100	Gujarat	96 0
100	Mandra Bhon	93 0
100	Pachora Jamner	72 0
100	Sara Serajganj	97 0
500	Tapti Valley	765 0

MININGS

9	Burma Corpn.	7 11
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 10
10	Indian Iron and Steel	45 0
10	SHIVRAJPUR	52 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2232 8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	408 0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	540 0
10	Air Services	5 10 6
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	248 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	602 8
250	BOMBAY STEAM	326 0
125	B. BURMA	705 0
50	B. BURMA CONT.	225 10
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	5-8-6
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	85 0
100	IND. BLEACHING	137 0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust	50 0
100	Ind Radio Def.	467 8
100	I. Radio Ord.	475 0
100	Port Canning	73 4
30	PREMIER CON.	83 0
15	Scindia	22 2 X. D.
25	Tata Oil Mill	54 0
100	Western I. Match	156 0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1,375 0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	285 0
7	p.c. Bom. Trams (T.F.)	75 0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	107 0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	100 0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	141 12
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power	1480 0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	191 14
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	137 8
7	p.c. Vishnu	682 8

DEBENTURES

3 3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	100 0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	103 2
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	49 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	75 8
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	103 12

(Capital letters indicate shares on Forward list.)

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Jan 15

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 89/2; 4 per cent 1960/70 103/12; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/4

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 100; Bank of Hindusthan 24, Bank of India 142; Central Bank 35/4; Imperial Bank F P 1525; Imperial Bank P P 368/12; Indian Overseas Bank 47; Reserve Bank 107; Union Bank 5/11

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 505; Ambica 301/14; Arun 242/8; Arvind 1450; Asok 240; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 1125; Buckingham and Carnatics 227; Chico 811/4; Central India 385; Century 400; Colaba 200/10; Elgin 165; Gokak 226/14; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 55/10; Jubilee 311/14; Khatau Makanji 141/4; Kohinoor 414/6; Laxmi Cotton 572/8; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 120; Morarji 231/14; Mysore 125; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 457/8; Raipur 735; Rajnagar 180; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 133/2; Swadeshi 356/4; Vishnu 1420

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1492/8; Tata Hydro Ord 156/9; Tata Power Ord 1357/8

ELECTRICS .

Ahmedabad Electrics 148/12; Ajmer Electrics 10/12; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165;; Bombay Tram 131/4; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 540; Associated Cements XD 139/8; Belapur 248/2; Bombay Burma New 225/10; Bombay Burma Old 706/4; Bombay Steam 325/10; Bombay Telephone 85; Br B Petrol 5/9/6; Burma Corporation 7/11/6; Dalmia Cement 10; Indian Bleaching 136/14; Industrial Investment Tr 50; Indian Radio Ord 475; Indian Radio Defd 467/8; Indian Copper 2/10/6; Indian Iron 45/6; Mysore sugar 45/4; Port Canning 73/4; Premier Construction 83; Rohtas Industries 22/8; Scindia Steam XD 22/8; Shivrajpur 52; Steel Corp of Bengal 24/6; Tata Oil 53; Tata Steel ordy 412; Tata Steel Defd 2250

JUTES

Birla Jute 27; Howrah 63; Hukumchand 9/8; Kamarhatty 585; Kanknarrah 497; Lawrence 474; Reliance 66/12

DELIVERY OF SHARES

Following Delivery Slips have been issued to-day :—

Tata Ordinaries 95; Tata Deferreds 13; Indian Irons 500; Bombay Dyeings 7; Central Indias 5; Simplexes 5; Bombay Burmas (Old) 2; Bengal Steel Corporations 100; Mysore Sugars 30

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, Jan 15

Linseed	3,248	cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	68	cwts.
Gingellyseed	117	cwts.
Poppyseed	1	cwts.
Groundnuts	31,241	cwts.
Castorseed	916	cwts.
Myrabollams	859	cwts.
Cottonseed	11,845	cwts.
Indian Sugar	7,770	cwts.

NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Jan 13

March	1.92
May	1.95
July	2.00
September	2.04

GROUNDNUTS COROMANDEL SHELLED

London, Jan 13

January	£14 15 0
February	£14 15 0

WHEAT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan 13

May	dol 0.98 1/4
July	dol 0.96 1/8
September	dol 0.96 3/8

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Jan 15

On Saturday all London markets were closed. London New York Dollar cross rate was 3.97 5/8. Shanghai T T on London was quoted at 4 1/2d. The local market was very steady with improved demand for silver and prices hardened. Gold was quietly steady with a moderate turnover.

Quotations were as under :

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs 42 0 0	61 2 0
Posh	42 2 0	61 5 0
Mahs	42 3 6	61 3 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Jan 15

Fine White Java sugar per cwt :—

Ready (small grain)	Rs.	18 11 0
Ready (large grain)

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON 16 POINTS UP

Broach Declines Under Increased Hedge Pressure

LONDON STOCKS AND SECURITIES EASIER

Lower Tendency In Silver

Bombay: Jan. 15.

The New York cotton was moderately active on local and trade support, while later increased interest developed on renewed buying support influenced by the steadiness of other commodities.

Prices in local market gave way under liquidation and increasing hedge pressure during the night session. Subsequently movements were small with operators showing little disposition for fresh buying.

London Stock Exchange was somewhat easier. Gilt-edgeds also came under pressure. 3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan was quoted lower by 15 shillings. Owing to little general selling and in the absence of good support Silver declined by 5/8d.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York: Jan. 15.

Previous closing	10.92
To-day's opening	10.93
Difference	+1
To-day's closing	11.08
Difference	+16

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: Jan. 15.

Previous closing	8.62
To-day's opening	8.66
Difference	+4
To-day's closing	8.68
Difference	+6
Broach April/May Expectation	Rs. 311
Broach July/August Expectation	Rs. 321

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: Jan. 15

The trading in March began at 10.93, i.e. one point higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and scattered trade and local support. Thereafter increased buying activity developed under which March rose to 11.02

BOMBAY COTTON Late Trading

Bombay: Jan. 15.

Broach April/May opened to-night at Rs. 310 and recorded a sharp decline to Rs. 306/8 on office selling and increased hedging. The rate then recovered and finally closed at Rs. 309/8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Jan. 15.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (10.91/0) 10.93/3
May (10.65/4) 10.67/7
July (10.23/2) 10.29/8

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool Jan. 15.

American January (8.63) 8.78
American March (8.60) 8.75
Giza January (10.37) 10.55
Giza March (10.52) 10.70

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: Jan. 15.

Dundee January (£59 3/4) £59 3/4
Lightning January (£57) £57

SEEDS

Castorseeds January February (£22 5/8 quoted) £23 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta January February (£21 3/4 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December (£16 quoted) £16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal January February (£14 3/4 quoted) £14 3/4 quoted.

RUBBER

Spot (11 13/16 paid and buyers) 11 3/4 value.
Forward April/June (11 13/16d paid and buyers) 11 3/4d. paid and sellers.

METALS

Tin (£243 1/4 buyers; £243 3/4 sellers. Steady at the decline) £242 3/4 buyers; £243 sellers. Barely steady.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

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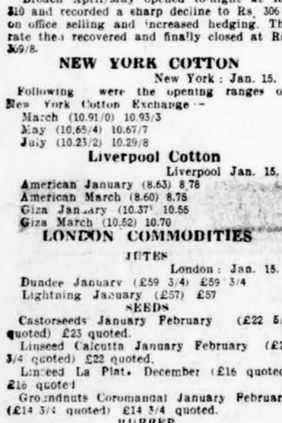

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CALCUTTA :: BOMBAY.

Agents:—
ORIENT DRUG AGENCY,
Princess Street, Bombay. 2.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Jan. 15.

Previous closing	3.97 5/8
To-day's opening	3.96 5/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Jan. 15.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London: Jan. 15.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: Jan. 15.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:—

Little general selling. Poor support. Small Indian buying at the decline.

LONDON SILVER

London: Jan. 15.

Spot (22 3/8d) 21 3/4d 5/8
Forward (22 3/8d) 21 3/4d —5/8

LONDON GOLD

London: Jan. 15.

Gold bars fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Jan. 15.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.24) 30.23
London on Milan (78.00) 78.25
London on Shanghai (0-4 5/8 to 0-5) 0-4 5/8 to 0-5.
London on Kobe (1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32) 1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent
4 months (1 3/16 to 1 3/16 per cent) 1 3/16 to 1 3/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 15.

Wheat January		4	1 0
Wheat		4	12 0
Linseed May		9	4 0
Groundnuts Febry.		39	14 0
Castorseeds May		60	13 0
Cottonseeds Janry.		25	10 0
Cottonseeds May		27	14 0

BOMBAY BULLION Latest Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 15.

Silver Ready		60	11 0
Silver Posh		60	13 0
Silver Maha		60	12 0
Gold Ready		42	0 9
Gold Posh		42	1 3
Gold Maha		42	3 6
Sovereigns		25	13 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Jan. 15.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (unquoted) dol 52 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 28) dol 28 3/8
U S Steel Common (dol 60 1/8) dol 59 3/4
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) dol 116 3/4

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS

Bombay: Jan. 15.

Lloyd Triestino Coy's Italian s s India of 4077 reg tons, Capt D Lubrano, arrived from Trieste with general cargo.

Volkart Bros' Japanese s s Norfolk Maru of 4020 reg tons, Capt N Sangu, arrived from Kobe with cargo of sand.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 15.

1950 bales raw cotton N Rajaram and Co; 779 bales raw cotton Japan Cotton Trading Co Ltd; 55 bales raw cotton Chachaty and Thackersey Ltd; 900 bales raw cotton Podar Trading Co Ltd; 2800 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha; 194 bales raw cotton Amersey and Sons; 500 bales raw cotton Konishi and Co Ltd; 750 bales raw cotton Ramnarain Sons Ltd; 300 bales raw cotton M S Kaisha Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton P Hirachand and Co; 1200 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 220 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 150 bales wool raw The Eastern Wool Trading Co; 100 bales hemp raw T Dawoodbhai; 4020 bags groundnut oil cakes exp D Abraham and Sons; 16 bales cotton yarn K Virji and Co; 225 bales jute rags Champaklal and Co; 995 bales raw cotton The Patel Cotton Co Ltd; 14 bales raw wool Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 10 bales goat hair Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 25 bales cotton yarn James Finlay and Co Ltd; 2464 bags myrabollam P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 13 casks wet cattle guts Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 15.

105 cases rayon yarn; 97 drums aniline colours; 93 cases embroidery; 54 cases glass beads; 52 cases grape fruit; 43 cases elect bulbs; 514 chests tea; 465 bales gunny bags; 789 bags cocoanuts; 193 bags dry ginger; 158 jottas coir rope; 84 casks tallow; 41 cases white metal; 55 cases sulphuric acid; 165 nos. empty cylinders; 4240 bags copra; 1241 bags black pepper; 1983 bags dry dates; 57 bags raisins; 98 bags potatoes; 216 bundles skins; 45 bags arecanuts; 168 crates pomegranates; 346 jottas aseafoetida; 1199 bags poppy seed; 5172 bales cotton; 296 bundles wet dates; 45 drums beer; 50 cases art silk piecegoods; 53 bales confectionery; 183 packages economiser. 315 bundles steel bars; 100 loose steel tyres; 45 kegs waterproofing cement; 90 carbags hydrogen peroxide; 403 cases liq antiseptic; 210 cases metal polish; 73 cases machinery; 215 cases washing blue; 2072 drums paint; 300 bags sulphate of alumina; 247 barrels alum; 37 cases cigarette paper; 190 cases dry distemper.

BOM. BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week, ending 12/1/1940 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,10,841. Amount of cheques—Rs. 19.74.43.005/8/8.

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: Jan. 15.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £86

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: Jan. 15.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£94) £93 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£85 3/4) £86 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£107) £106 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£108) £107 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£104) £103 1/2
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£106) £105
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£98) £97 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£104 1/4) £104

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£71 3/8) £70 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£97 3/8) £96
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 3/8) £101 3/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£109 5/8) £108 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£96 3/4) £95 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£108 5/8) £107 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-7 1/2) 11-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-3) 52-1 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3
Elec Music Industry (8-9) 8-3
Princhin Johnson (18-7 1/2) 18-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-1 1/2) 29-9
Woolsworth New Ordinary (63-0) 61-3 ex-div
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£29) £28 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (29-1 1/2) 28-6
Unilever Ordinary (30-4 1/2) 29-10 1/2
Ford Motors (15-9) 15-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£57 1/2) £57 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (98-1 1/2) 96-3
Carreas 'A' (£5 5/8) £5 5/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (116-3) 115-4 1/2
P and O Def. (20-0) 19-9
Distillers (67-3) 66-6
Bredfords Dye (6-9) 7-0
British Celanese (6-9) 6-3
J and P Coates Ordinary (34-1 1/2) 34-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (35-10 1/2) 34-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-3) 6-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (17-10 1/2) 17-6
Inter Nickel (dol 47) dol 46 1/2
Indian Iron (65-0) 65-7 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (31-6) 32-6
Empire of India (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (26-0) 25-7 1/2
Gula Kelampong (23-1 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-1 1/2) 33-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (36-3) 36-3
Burma Corporation (11-6) 11-3
Rio Tintos (£16 3/4) £16 3/4
East Rand Properties (50-7 1/2) 50-0
Rand Mines (£7 1/2) £7 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 5/8) £14 1/2
Associated Portland Cement (54-4 1/2) (51-10 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (73-9) 73-9
Sub Nigel (£10) £9 7/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-7 1/2) 25-0
Union Corporation. (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (22-6) 22-6
Anglo-Iranian (56-10 1/2) 56-10 1/2
Burma Oil (61-10 1/2) 62-6
Mexican Eagle (6-10 1/2) 6-6
Shell Transport (76-10 1/2) 76-10 1/2
Royal Dutch (£34 1/2) £33 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£37 3/4) £36 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£13 7/8) £13 3/8
London North Eastern Def. £2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£13 1/2) £12 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£112) £112
London Transport 'C' (£65) £65

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET.

Karachi: Jan. 15.

To-day's closing quotations:—
Cotton Sind Jan. 29/11/6; March 29/8/9.
Punjab Jan. 23/12/6; March 23/14/6.
4-F American Jan. 33; March 33/2.
Tone:—Steady.
Wheat Jan. 31/9/3; March 32/1/8; July 33/12/3.
Tone:—Quiet.
Gram Jan. 36/10; July 36/15.
Toria Feb. 46/10; March 47/12/6.
Cottonseed Jan. 23/13; March 24/4; May 24/13.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes And Indian Irons Steady

Calcutta: Jan. 15.

Jutes ruled steady and unchanged after the week-end and business was limited. Coals were quiet but steady. Teas were practically neglected. Indian Iron and Steels opened steady and continued so till the closing on fresh buying support, but other speculative issues did not show much alterations. Government Securities were firm.

The following are closing quotations:—

Government Securities: 3 1/2 per cent Government paper 89/12; 3 per cent loan 1941 101/3; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 101 s o l.

Banks: Central 34/8; Imperial Bank Contributory 372 c div s l; Reserve 108 c div.

Coals: Amalgamated 30/4; Bengal 405; Deoli 11/12; Dhemo Main 19/10; Equitable 40/8; North Damuda 7 s l; New Beerbhoom 19/10 ex-div; West Jamuria 34.

Jutes: Adamjee 29/6; Pref 131 s l; Anglo-India 440; Bally 260/8; Barnagore 150; Birla 2708; Clive 32; Gourepore 789; Hastings Pref 107; Howrah 62/14; Hukumchand 9/10; Pref 86; Kamarhatty 583; Kanknarrah 481; National 27/15; Nellimarla 13/12 s l c t; Nuddea 80; Presidency 6/14; Reliance 66/8; Standard 386.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 7/11; Consolidated Tin 5/8 c div; Indian Copper 2/10; Dalmia Cement ord 9/14 s l; Alkali and Chemical Pref 135; Burn 377; Indian Galvanising 28/8; Indian Wood Products Defd. 45/12; Indian Iron and Steel 45/7; Saran Engineering 8 c t; Steel Products 3; Steel Corporation 24/9; Pref 101/8 s l; B. I. Corporation 4/14; Pref. 157; Dunlop Rubber 25/12; Second Pref. 107; B B Petro. 6/9; Indian Paper Pulp 159; Orient Ord. 9/10; Pref. 89; Mysore 15/6; Shree Gopal 8/14; Titaghur 'A' or 'B' ord. 36/15; Second Pref 107.—A. P.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Jan 13

Broach A/M highest 312 1/4 lowest 307 1/2 closing 311 1/2
Broach J/A highest 320 1/2 lowest 316 closing 320
Oomra D/J highest 275 lowest 271 closing 274 1/2
Oomra March highest 280 lowest 275 closing 279 1/2
Bengal D/J highest 225 lowest 221 closing 224
Bengal March highest 229 lowest 225 closing 228
The night session was closed.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET MILLS EASIER

Madras: Jan. 15.

The Stock Exchange remained steady and Planting shares remained unchanged. Cotton Mills were easier. Paper and Sugar shares met with a fair enquiry.

Exchange transactions:—Indian Banks 111; Cambodias 10/10; Radhakrishnas 121; Vasantas 105/8; Travancore Sugar 12/4, 12/8, 12/6; Ayer Manis 7/4; Chembra Peaks 3/2, 3/1; Midlands 5; United Nilgiris 106/8; Cochin Malabars 6/14; Velliamattam 17; Rajagiris 5/2; Indian Steel Rollings 8/2; Mysore Paper 14/12, 15, 15/8; Mysore Chemicals 13.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan 15

Following a decline of one point in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 311 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened at Rs. 314/8 and advanced to Rs. 318 on active support and some replacement buying. Later on there was scattered realising and prices declined to Rs. 315/8. The market was very steady at this level and it appears that confidence is returning but we do not look for any big improvement although the present improvement may be carried further.

Later on Alexandria opening at a decline of 5 points induced some realising in the local market and prices declined to Rs. 313 for Broach A/M delivery. Liverpool opened at a rise of 4 points and the local market was steady with Broach A/M quoted at Rs. 312/8.

Later Liverpool was reported 15 points higher and in the local market prices improved to Rs. 316 but there was renewed liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 310/8 on straddle selling. The market finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	310	8 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
July/August		320	0 0
December/January		274	0 0
March		278	8 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
December/January		224	0 0
March		228	0 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Jan 15

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	650	6650
Oomra D/J	100	6250

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Jan 15

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P	235	233	230	227	
Punjab	235	233	230	227	
Oomra No. 3	285	283	280	277	
C P No. 1	300	298	295	292	
C P No. 2	291	289	286	283	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Jan 15

Bengal Fine 230-31 January +3 1/2
Punjab Fine 230-31 January +4
C P 1 297-301 January +17
C P 2 287-89 January +9
Berar 282-83 January +3
Khandesh 271-74 January —8
Jalna Sails 272-74
Ahmednagar 271-72
Broach 326-28 February +2
Punjab 4 F 324-28
Punjab 2 9 F 301-66
Sudh N T 346

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Jan 15

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales	13-1-40	This year	Last year
Khandesh	717	35,109	25,203
Central India	762	33,689	108,601
Barsi and Nagar	1,562	75,085	28,467
Hyderabad 'Gaorani		30,345	2,718
Berar	3,920	147,151	72,025
Central Provinces	1,050	34,608	20,672
Total Oomras	8,017	355,987	257,676
Dholera	98	20,677	74,131
N. W. Provinces	101	19,907	999
Rajputana		18,543	23,081
Mind Punjab	224	220,152	165,895
Broach	50	1,002	12,547
Coompta and Dharwar		14,350	13,497
Westerns Northerns	390	14,117	15,218
Cocoanada	50	50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		697	2,540
American		379	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	1,169	160,072	137,682
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	5	1,897	7
Total	10,684	827,840	703,792
Arrived by road to 11th January 1940		80,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 11th Jan

In full-pressed bales	13-1-40	This year	Last year
Europe	2,695	56,812	77,265
Japan and China	7,420	306,614	424,468
Coast Ports		9,777	14,827
Up-country by Rail		136,672	110,719
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		4,459	21,715
Total	10,115	514,334	648,994

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 13-1-40	5286000	3144000
Receipts yesterday 13-1-40	27000	24000
Exports to date 13-1-40	3439000	2138000
Stock at Ports 12-1-40	3350000	2932000
Stock at Interior Towns 12-1-40	3184000	3366000
Stock at Liverpool 12-1-40	.....	1097000
Visible Supply 12-1-40	.....	7562000
Quantity in sight 12-1-40	9976000	7304000
Quantity out of sight 12-1-40	.....	5387000

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Jan 15

Yarn No. 6 1/2s February 146 April 148 June 150
Yarn No. 10 1/2s February 170 April 175 June 180
Yarn No. 20 1/2s February 231 April 236 June 241
Yarn No. 40s February 296 April 297 June 298

PEPPER & GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Jan 15

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	100	0 0
Pepper ready Allepey new per candy		97	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		102	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		107	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C. I. F. per candy		12	12 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt.		20	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt.		22	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt.		22	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt.		24	0 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Jan 15

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	60	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	93	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

GROUNDNUT AND SEEDS

Bombay, Jan 15

Castorseeds May:—			
Opening	Rs.	61	8 0
Highest		61	10 0
Lowest		61	2 0
Closing		61	8 0
Groundnuts February:—			
Opening		40	12 0
Highest		40	13 0
Lowest		40	7 0
Closing		40	7 6
Cottonseeds January:—			
Opening		25	12 0
Highest		25	12 0
Lowest		25	11 0
Closing		25	12 0
Cottonseeds May:—			
Opening		28	3 0
Highest		28	3 6
Lowest		28	0 0
Closing		28	1 0

Dull Tone On Calcutta Exchange

CALCUTTA, Jan 12

Messrs. Bhagwanlal Nanavati and Co. have issued the following report:—

The local stock exchange presented rather a dull appearance and prices in leading Counters have been marked down. There was a little inquiry in Jute section but this proved to be only a temporary phase. Indian Iron and Steel fluctuated both ways but the undertone was far from healthy. There is a continued dearth of business in Hessian and Gunny markets so the speculative markets have remained most apathetic. The tone, however, is firm in spite of the apparently inadequate support which is forthcoming from Consumers. Two factors are given as the reason for this state of affairs. The first is one to which we have been accustomed—the alleged imminence of a fresh order for sandbags—and it continues to be the dominant one. The second reason is the alleged scarcity of Jute up-country. The markets are guided by the tone in the Jute phatka markets and hence the repurcussions are felt according to the vagaries of hessians and Jute markets. The bull speculators have control over the markets and any news pointing to further demand for war purposes will stimulate the speculative markets.

Jute:—As pointed above the hessians and Jute markets continue to show firmness in spite of very little fresh coming in for manufactured goods. Hence the tone in Jute shares is healthy though the volume of business was much restricted. Howrahs for the time being have lost its speculative aspect and the rate is more or less nominal quoting Rs. 63, Kamarhatty and Kanknarrah hovered round 585 and 475. Anglo-India were marked at 445. Budge Budge changed hands in fair numbers at 403. Dalhousie were marked at 427. Auckland at 255, Standard at 380, Lansdowne at 208, Union at 520. India were done at 399. Kelvin at 560. Bally and Barnagore were respectively marked at 265 and 150. Fort William done at 301. Champdany at 213. There was brisk buying in Ganges Jute which at one time touched Rs. 400 but subsequently receded to 380, closing at 385. Gourepore came to business at 785. Among small issues the most conspicuous counters were Adamjee, Agarpara, Birla and Naskarpara. These shares met with heavy buying inquiry as a result of which a rise of about Rs. 3 to 4 was registered in each issue. The closing was below the best touched. Adamji touching Rs. 30 receded to 28/12. Agarpara touching 32 receded to 30/12. Birla touching 29/4 fell back to 27/4, Naskarpara touching 20 receded to 19/12. Hukumchand hovered round 9/8. Presidency receding to 6/8 hardened up to 6/14. Nuddea found buyers at 79/8, Megna at 46/8, Hooghly were done at 69/8, Clive touching 33 fell back to 31/8, National changed hands in fair numbers at 27/12, Craig and Waverley were done at 1/14 and 2/10 respectively.

COTTON

This section was quiet. Kesoram were done at 6/14, Cawnpore Textiles at 6/12, New Victoria ord. found sellers at 1/12, Dunbar Cotton were mentioned at 235.

COAL

This section remained quiet throughout the period under review. Bengal moved in the region of 400, Equitable 40, West Jamuria 34/6, Bokaro and Ramgarh were good at 18, Dhemo Main at 19/8, Burrakur done at 16/4, New Beerbhoom at 20/4. Amalgamated were marked at 29/14, Rewa at 26/12, Standard at 27/8, Raneegunj at 31. Talchar moved round Rs. 2, Burra Dhemo 6/4, Deoli 11/14, Jainty Central 2/14, Churulia 2/4, South Karanpura 5/12, Searsole 6.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was not much doing in Engineering section. Indian Iron and Steel recorded fluctuations both ways. Indian Iron at one time moved up to Rs. 47 from Rs. 45 but subsequently dropped back to 44/9 the close being Rs. 45. Steel Corporation of Bengal touching 25/12 fell back to 24/2 to close in the region of 24/7. Burn and Co. ord. found buyers at 374. I. S. W. P. ord. changed hands at 57, Deferred at 45/8. In mining issues Burma were a weak spot price falling back to 7/11, Indian Copper to 2/11, Consolidated Tin quoting 5/6, Tavoy Tin 2/2, B. B. Petroleum were weak at 5/14. B. I. C. ord. found sellers at 4/12, Midnapore Zemindary done at 82. In Paper Issues Titaghur touching 37/2 receded to 35/8 the closing being steady at 35/14. Indian Paper Pulp touching 160 were easy at 157, Shrigopal Paper found buyers at 8/10, Orient Paper at 9/12, Mysore Paper at 15/8. In Sugar section Cawnpore were done at Rs. 25, Carew at 12/12, Samastipur at 9/9. Dunlop Rubber ord. were good at 25. Indian Wood Products at 26/12, Assam Saws at 3/10, Bararee Coke at 20/12. Reserve Bank were firm at 106/8.

Total Units Generated At Tata Hydro Electric Concerns

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for The Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., The Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and The Tata Power Company, Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations (Khopoli, Bhivpuri and Bhira) of the Hydro Group were as follows:—

2nd Week (ended January 14th)—

1938	13,116,400
1939	13,745,900
1940	14,656,900

Total for 2 Weeks (1st January to date)—

1938	27,312,400
1939	27,543,900
1940	27,715,100

HAPUR WHEAT MARKET.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HAPUR, Jan 12

The Indian wheat markets have suffered a severe setback during the week under review and prices on the balance have closed very much lower. Bulls' confidence was badly shaken and they have been for the present driven to adhere to the policy of wait and see. The present reaction was due to a number of factors operating bearishly but by far the most important of them was the rumour that the import duty of wheat may not be reimposed after March 31st. This was the last straw on the back of the bulls that broke their back. The contributory causes were the cloudy weather giving rise to hopes of early rains, the reaction in the cotton market, the virtual absence of the internal demand and the disquieting oversea cables. There is yet a hope that the crop may recover to its normal course should early rains are received. The announcement that the coming Price control conference at New Delhi and a small committee meeting on January 19 at Lahore may decide to take some co-ordinated steps in the direction of price control on wheat has damped the enthusiasm of the speculators every where.

A somewhat familiar feature in the different markets was the heavy liquidations of the January contracts. At Hapur Jeth futures held comparatively tighter so far also broke down and suffered a bad reaction. At the ports ready demand is confined to local mills and there have been only limited exports. In the up-country markets there seems to be no outlet for wheat for the present. The difficulty of securing railways loading has also been responsible to very poor crop movements.

The crop comments from almost all the wheat producing countries overseas which were rather much pessimistic till last week were rather encouraging this week although there has been no appreciable relief in the U. S. A winter wheat belt. The heavy purchases of Australian flour by the Food Ministry in Great Britain have led to a small rise in quotations for that section despite the fact that yield estimates for the Commonwealth have very recently increased.

ABSORBTION OF PROHIBITION — UNEMPLOYED

Co-operation Of Private Employers

Considerable success has attended the efforts of the Bombay Government's Special Employment Officer to find employment for those persons thrown out of work as a result of prohibition. Of the 714 registered up till January 11, many have already been found or offered jobs.

Preference has been given to these men in filling clerical vacancies in Government offices and, in fit cases, exemption has even been granted from the educational standard, age-limit and other rules. So far 58 men have actually been absorbed.

Eighty-five similar vacancies have been offered to the unemployed. But, as all the posts are in the mofussil, only 31 candidates have expressed willingness to accept.

Men with lower educational qualifications have been offered positions as karkuns in the Agriculture and other Departments, as bailiffs in District Courts, as foresters, forest guards and police constables. Thirty-three men have been taken into Government offices as sepoys and in kindred capacities, but for the total of 220 non-clerical posts available only 43 candidates have come forward.

Six men have been offered jobs as canvassers and salesmen for the products of cottage industries under the Industries Department. The Government also has under consideration proposals for special facilities for those taking up this work.

JOBS FOR ABLE-BODIED.

Able-bodied illiterate unemployed have been offered work in factories, as railway porters and in Public Works Department undertakings and 45 have already been absorbed. The Railway administrations have promised to engage some 200 men as permanent-way gangmen, 50 are being considered for menial posts in the Bombay Municipality and arrangements are being made to have at least 100 placed in cotton mills. Others, again, have been recommended for selection as tram drivers, tram and bus conductors, and as tally clerks in the Bombay Port Trust Railway.

Hotels and restaurants offer another field of employment, but more than 30 persons to whom such jobs have been offered have declined them. Only two accepted.

Proposals for affording training in skilled trades are under consideration and in the meantime skilled and semi-skilled workers have been recommended to fill vacancies existing in private industrial concerns. Co-operation from private employers has been readily given and is greatly appreciated by the Government.

LOANS, ALLOWANCES.

The finding of employment is not the only help given to the unemployed. Loans totalling Rs. 1,400 have been sanctioned in four cases for the starting of small businesses, two persons have been permitted to conduct tea shops at the sites of Public Works Department undertakings and assistance has been given to two men who desired to secure contracts in building works.

Thirteen free studentships have been granted and five more applications are being considered. Twelve persons have been granted a monthly, monetary allowance, one application for the grant of agricultural land is under investigation. Free housing has been provided in the Bombay Development Department chawls for the only applicant who wanted it and a free passage has been arranged in one case.

POONA WORKERS REFUSE TO TAKE PAY

(*From Our Correspondent.*)

POONA, Jan. 14.

The Municipal Workers of Poona City have refused to take their pay without the Mahagai allowance.

It will be remembered that the Municipality promised Mr. R. R. Bhole, M. L. A., to pay the allowance this month and since it was not paid Mr. Bhole advised the workers not to take the pay and it was accordingly not taken. The Municipal workers Union of which Mr. Bhole is the president is thinking of declaring a strike in case their demand is not heeded.

VICEROY AT BARODA

BARODA, January 15.

His Excellency the Viceroy and party arrived at 9 a.m. to-day.

Punctually at 9 a.m. the special train steamed into the decorated station. The Maharaja Gaekwar, Sir Bertrand Glancy, the Political Adviser to the Crown Representative, Sir V. T. Krishnamacharlar, Dewan and high officials of State assembled on the platform. His Highness was presented to Their Excellencies by the Resident. The party then drove in procession to Makarpura Palace.

Soon after their arrival at Makarpura Palace, the Maharaja accompanied by the Resident paid a visit to the Viceroy. Maharani Gaekwar also paid a visit to the Vicereine.

Later a Durbar was held at Laxmivilas Palace to receive the Viceroy, who paid a return visit to the Maharaja.

In the afternoon the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow were guests of honour at a Garden Party given by the Maharaja.—A.P.

INDO-JAPANESE TRADE PARLEYS

NEW DELHI, January 15.

Mr. Wakamatsu, Consul-General for Japan, and Sir Allan Lloyd, Commerce Secretary, delegates to the Indo-Japanese Trade negotiations, met this afternoon.

The "United Press" learns that the Government of India delegate communicated to the Japanese delegate the outcome of his talks with non-official advisers and representatives of cotton and textile interests regarding Japanese proposals for a new cotton protocol.—United Press.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Posh Shud 6, 1996
Muslim: Jilhaj 5, 1358
Parsi: Omardad 13, 1309
Hightide: 3-25; 16-00
Lowtide: 9-59; 21-29
Sunrise: 7h. 15m.
Sunset: 6h. 22m.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

A special general meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall to-day (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. to elect the President and the Vice-President for the ensuing year.

K. B. ALIBHAI PATEL'S CANDIDATURE

Khan Bahadur Alibhai Esabhai Patel, President of the Broach District Muslim League, has been selected to stand as candidate for election to the Bombay Legislative Council Northern Division, Mahomedan Rural Constituency on the Muslim League ticket.

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METRO—"Bridal Suite" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
EXCELSIOR—"The Awful Truth" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Edith Cavell." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Daughters of India". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Shukhacha Shodka". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-Ki-Reet". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ghazi Salahuddin". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Viceroy's Donation To Shivkar Fire Fund

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

His Excellency the Viceroy has given Rs. 100 to the fund for the relief of the victims of a fire which destroyed the village of Shivkar in the Panvel Taluka of the Kolaba District last month.

His Excellency was impressed with the rural development work being done in the Kolaba District during his visit to Alibag and the agricultural exhibition at Khandala last week.

While there he heard of the distress caused by the Shivkar fire and has shown his practical sympathy with the district by sending a donation to the relief fund.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the All-India Students' Convention and Bombay Presidency Students' Convention, the Bombay Students' Union has decided to celebrate the 26th January as "Independence day." "The Independence Day" Sub-Committee and some of the active workers of the city will meet to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at the office of the Union, Dadabhai Manzil, Congress House.

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE DAY

The College Day is on the 19th Jan. under the presidency of Mr. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central). All past students are cordially invited. Subscription minimum Rs. 2, should be sent to the Treasurer, College Day Committee, before 18th inst.

A DONATION

Mr. Damodar Ramchandra Avad gave a donation of Rs. 60 to the education fund of the Maratha Aikyechhu Sabha of Bombay in memory of his late father Mr. B. J. Avad.

"INDIA AND SPORTS"

Mr. A. F. S. Taleyarkhan will deliver a public lecture on "India and Sports" under the auspices of "The Nations' League of Pen-Friends" (Bombay Branch), on Thursday (18th inst.) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Bombay.

ANDHERI CONGRESS COMMITTEE

There will be a public meeting under the auspices of the above committee to-day (Tuesday), at 9 p.m. at Bhogilal Leherchand Hall, Ghodbunder Road, Andheri, when Syt. Shankerrao Deo and Mr. M. Y. Nurie will speak on "Present Political Situation."

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION

A public meeting under the auspices of the South Indian Association will be held in the Asthika Samaj, Matunga, at 9 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Tuesday) when Mr. K. Natesa Iyer, member of the Ceylon State Council and President of the Ceylon Indian Workers' Federation will speak in Tamil on "Indians In Ceylon." Dr. S. S. Krishnan will preside.

THE GATHA SOCIETY

A meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 134/136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, when Mr. Sorabji Nowroji Kanga, B.A., will give a further discourse in Gujarati on "A Detailed Examination of the Farvardin Yasht."

SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Under the auspices of the A. R. P. Branch of the Association, Mr. A. L. Guildford, B.Sc., M.I.E.E., will give a talk on "Evacuation" to-day (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m. in the Conference hall, Electric House. The lecture is open to engineers, A.R.P. and local authorities and others interested in civil defence.

DR. PARANJPYE'S LECTURE

Under the auspices of the Western India National Liberal Association, Dr. R. P. Paranjpye will speak on "The Present Political Situation" at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Mayo Road, Fort, on Thursday (18th inst.) at 6 p.m. (S.T.). Sir Chimanlal Setalvad will preside.

PANALAL JAIN HIGH SCHOOL

The social gathering of the School will be celebrated in the Sir C. J. Hall, to-day (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. Rao Saheb Kantilal Ishverlal Morakhia, J.P., will preside.

BOM. STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD MUSIC COMPETITION

The Secretaries, Amateur Vocal Music Competition, Bombay Students' Brotherhood write:—

Under the auspices of the Students' Brotherhood competition in vocal Indian music will be held by about the end of September 1940. A committee has been formed with Mr. S. A. Brelvi as President, to organise and conduct the competition. The competition will be open only to amateur singers, the age limit being 25 for the seniors and 15 for the juniors.

AIR SERVICES OF INDIA

Two hundred and 50 passengers travelled by the planes of Air Services of India, Ltd. on our Bombay-Kathiawar Services during the month of December 1939. Total freight carried during the month of December 1939 including mails, parcels and newspapers was about 4307 lbs. Eight passengers travelled by the Bombay-Poona-Kolhapur Service during the month of December 1939. Bombay-Bhuj via Jamnagar Services have commenced from 4th January, 1940.

The Poona Suburban Municipality is reported to have sanctioned a dearness allowance of Rs. 3 per month for all its employees drawing less than Rs. 30 as monthly salary.

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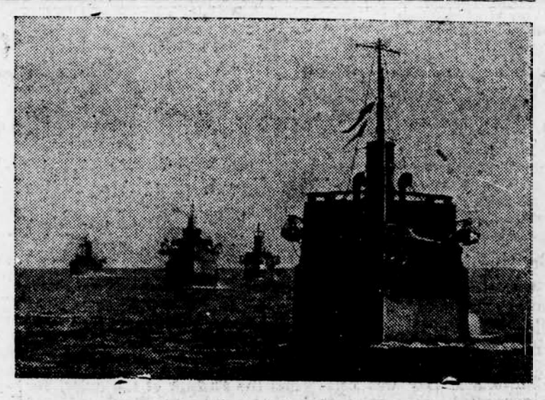
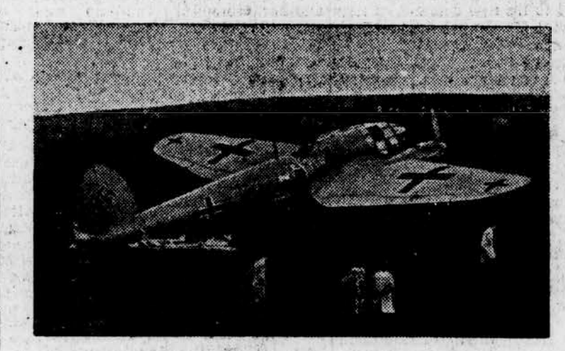


The Convoy System of the British Navy at work.



One of the German bombers brought down in an attempted raid near the Firth of Forth. The pilot was seriously wounded, but both his gunners were dead. Every part of this Nazi bombing machine bore traces of the devastating machine-gun fire of the British fighters.

Assam-Bengal Haj Conference

The first session of the Assam-Bengal Haj Conference was held at Calcutta in October last, and the pamphlet under notice gives its proceedings in a nutshell together with the full speech of the Chairman of the Reception Committee and that of the President. The various resolutions passed at the open session of the conference are all embodied in it and they will show that the conference which was held on an all-India basis, was really conscious of the grievances of the Hajis. The conference called upon the British Government and the Saudi Government to carry out certain reforms and there is no doubt that the lot of the Hajis will be greatly improved if all the recommendations made at the conference are carried into effect. The pamphlet should be read by all those who are interested in the problem of the Hajis. It can be had from the Secretary, 38, Wellesley Street, Calcutta.

Millowners' New Chairman

MR. V. N. CHANDAVARKAR HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY, FOR THE YEAR 1940.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION

Monday, the 22nd Jan., 1940, will be observed as a telegraph holiday on account of "Id-uz-Zuha." All Telegraph Offices and the Telegraph Branches of combined offices will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. Inland telegrams at ordinary rate will not be accepted on that day.

LADY LUMLEY AT CAPITOL

Lady Lumley attended a performance of "Maid of the Mountains" given by St. Teresa's High School at the Capitol Cinema on Monday.

The Maharashtra Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti has decided to hold the 29th annual session of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Literary Conference), here in Poona in the month of May, 1940.

Mulla Saheb's Donation

His Holiness Syedana Mulla Tahir Saifuddin, the spiritual leader of the Bohras, has contributed a sum of Rs. 1,000 to the mosque-fund of the Anjuman Isna-Ashariya, New Delhi.

New Station At Matunga

G.I.P. Advisory Committee Approves Site

At the meeting of the G. I. P. Railway Local Advisory Committee held on 11th inst. members were informed that the merits of closing Kolvada Station temporarily and providing a new station at King's Circle, Matunga, instead, or moving Kolvada station to a point near Raoli Junction in preference to providing an additional station at King's Circle, were examined, but that both these alternatives had to be rejected. It was considered that a new station was desirable at the point where the Mahim Chord Line crosses the Bombay-Agra Road.

The Matunga Residents' Association and other representative Associations in Matunga agreed that the proposed site was acceptable to the residents of Matunga and to those who would subsequently reside in the Matunga-Sion Estate. The Committee unanimously approved of the site selected for the new station.

Aligarh Muslim University Debate

ALIGARH.

The All-India Inter-College competitive debates of the M. P. Union will be held on Jan. 30, 31st, at 6-30 p.m. in the Rampur Hamid Hall.

For the English debate on Jan. 30th, the subject is:—"That in the opinion of this House, the proposal of a constituent assembly to frame the constitution of India on the basis of a democratic parliamentary system of Government is illogical and consistent with the genius of the peoples of India and unsuited to the needs of the country."

For the Urdu debate on Jan. 31st, the subject is:—

"Jalale Badshahi ho ke Jamhoori tamasha ho, Juda ho deen Siyasat se to raihjati hai changezi."

Each constituent institution will be entitled to send two representatives for each debate, one to speak 'for' and the other 'against' the proposition. Competitors will be the guest of the Union. Special arrangements have been made for the accommodation of lady speaker with the lady Principal of the Girls' College.

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Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

On Sunday morning crowds of suburbanites collected all along Ghodbunder Road, right up to Juhu to watch His Excellency the Viceroy of India pass on this way to Juhu.

As His Excellency passed along crowds welcomed him with claps and cheers.

His Excellency spent the whole day at Juhu and returned in the late hours of the evening.

LIGHTS ON THE CAUSEWAY

With repairs going on the old bridge of the Mahim Causeway, the new bridge finds heavy traffic moving at all parts of the day.

During the night this bridge being in complete darkness owing to lighting arrangements not made, it is a real danger to both motorists and pedestrians.

The authorities would, therefore, do well in making some sort of temporary arrangements till the other bridge is ready.

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MOBILIZE FOR FREEDOM

The presidential address delivered by Mr. B. G. Kher at the Berar Provincial Conference did not strike any new note but it stressed many old points which deserve constant reiteration. Regarding the resignations of the Congress Ministries, Mr. Kher pointed out how that course became inevitable in view of the policy adopted by the British Government. The avowed aims of the war in Europe were coolly disregarded in India which was made a party to the hostilities without any reference either to the Central Assembly or to the popularly elected Provincial Ministries. And it follows as an obvious corollary from this that what the country is demanding to-day is not the reinstatement of those Ministries but the introduction of an era of self-determination and true freedom. His Excellency the Viceroy is urging again and again that the present deadlock should be solved and that provincial autonomy should function once again. While credit must be given to Lord Linlithgow for his benevolent intentions, a little reflection will prove that he is only putting the cart before the horse. For to expect the popular Ministries to return to their labours without removing the grievance for which they quitted office is to begin the vicious circle over again. The Congress is not in the least enamoured of the panoply of power. If it accepted offices it was as much to utilise what opportunities the Act provided for the furtherance of public welfare as to prove constructively how far short those opportunities fell of the nations' pressing demand. The Congress may claim to have succeeded in both these objectives and it is not at all anxious now to encumber itself with the trammels of office, without possessing real power in their hand.

Political Realism

Both Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel have stressed this aspect of the situation in their recent speeches. The former rightly criticised Lord Linlithgow's speech at the Orient Club as a mere repetition of what he had previously said. "It was only an attempt to cover the political problem between India and England by bringing in communal issues." The Viceroy should realise once for all that the country will not revert to the old order now. It is as dead as the old order in Europe is dead since the Armageddon began. Neither vain regrets over the past nor vague promises for the future will have any effect upon the present situation. The longer the British Government keep silent over their war aims and the more the Viceroy avoids the straight issue of the Constituent Assembly, the deeper will be the suspicions of the Indian people. The latter remember how the huge sacrifices in men, money and materials which they made in the last war were "rewarded" immediately the threat to Britain was over. They are thus entitled to insist upon an earnest of Britain's after-war intentions right now. It is not mercenary haggling but political realism that actuates such a policy.

Independence Day

In view of all those developments and in view also of the fact that a struggle may be unavoidable sooner or later by the very overwhelming force of circumstances, the ensuing Independence Day has a decisive significance. It may, indeed, be called a day of non-violent mobilisation. Every Congressman and Congresswoman ought to consider his or her sacred duty to attend the various functions which will be organised throughout the country and solemnly take the national pledge. The amended pledge has no doubt created a certain opposition but then it is not obligatory for everybody to subscribe to the whole pledge. It is left to conscientious objectors to delete the part relating to personal spinning but even those persons will do well to ponder over the significance of those clauses. In the latest issue of the "Harijan" Mahatma Gandhi has expatiated at length on the meaning of the spinning clause. It is to emphasize the economic as well as the political aspect of the Indian problem. As Mr. Kher observed at Yeotmal, "The aim of the Congress was not merely to free the forty crores of Indians from foreign domination, but was also to see that every individual was provided with sufficient food and clothing. That meant evolving a new social order." Even those who oppose the spinning programme must agree to this interpretation and they must prepare to dedicate themselves anew to the task that faces us all.

Will He Strike?

The history of the November scare is repeating itself, perhaps in an acuter form, in protective preparations by the Low countries and in other developments in that connection. These developments must naturally give rise to a good deal of alarmist rumours which the countries concerned rightly frown upon because they are calculated to precipitate the crisis. That a crisis threatens them is, however, clear enough. The completest arrangements made both in Holland and Belgium to be in a state of armed readiness is a decisive proof of it even though details about military movements and discussions in Germany may be mainly in the nature of "intelligent" speculations. Equally significant is the War Office announcement from London that leave service for the British Expeditionary Force is temporarily suspended. All this means that both Holland and Belgium, on the one hand, and the Allies, on the other, believe that Herr Hitler will strike and strike now. If this belief is correct Herr Hitler's premature plan reveals a state of desperation. If it is not correct, then the Fuehrer is just bluffing. But why? Can it be that this is his way of helping his friend M. Stalin, expecting that his bluff would cause confusion in the supply to Finland of arms and material by Britain and France and in alarming pro-Finn Scandinavia?

Royal Commission—I

Has Mr. Jinnah caught a Tartar? —asks the author of this article.

By N. G. JOG

On the 13th of December, 1939, a bomb-shell was thrown by Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah in the shape of his demand for a Royal Commission to inquire into the alleged atrocities perpetrated by the eight Congress Governments on the Muslims.

The Deliverance Day was celebrated soon after not only to thank the Almighty for ridding the country of the "Satanic" Congress Cabinets but also to lend support to his new demand. "I now ask," said Mr. Jinnah in his famous statement, "that a Royal Commission be appointed by the British Government." It is an imperious demand. And it will also be an insistent demand. One who knows Mr. Jinnah also knows that the Royal Commission will henceforth serve as the King Charles' head of Indian politics. It will crop up at all times and on all occasions.

This demand will, indeed, become as historic as the famous "Fourteen Points" of Mr. Jinnah. He never refers to those points nowadays for the simple reason that he has gained almost all of them. Has their satisfaction brought any peace to the country or to Mr. Jinnah either?

That is besides the point. For a demand is of the very essence of party leadership. It is the very pith and marrow of propaganda. It deflects attention from the internal conditions of a party; it serves as a rallying point and as a cementing force.

"I now demand....." How many times during the last decade has one heard this war-cry coming from Munich, Berlin, Potsdam! Ruhr, Saar, Anschluss, Czechoslovakia, Memel, the Polish Corridor. All hit our tympanums in the first instance as Hitler's demands. But, in retrospect, the Fuehrer has proved a fool. For every time he made a fresh demand, he added the tag that "this is positively my last demand on the Versailles victors." People call Hitler a liar.

The President of the Muslim League has certainly proved wiser than the Fuehrer of the Nazis. For he has never put the seal of finality upon *his* demands. On the other hand he always gives the impression that he has always another trump or two up his sleeves. I do not know whether Mr. Jinnah plays poker or bridge. It would be a pleasure to watch him play.

Now that he has made the demand (not the last demand, mind you!) I have no doubt that Mr. Jinnah will stick to it, insist upon it through thick and thin and probably win it. Those who dub it as merely a stunt, are making a most grievous error.

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They say Mr. Jinnah is an egoist, an opportunist, a myope. He may be or may not be any or all of these. But he has a sheer power of personality and a supreme doggedness. Hear this testimony of twenty-two years ago. It is Edwin Montagu speaking with his Jewish insight:

"They were followed by Jinnah, young, perfectly mannered, impressive-looking, armed to the teeth with dialectics and insistent upon the whole of his scheme. *All its shortcomings, all its drawbacks . . . . all these were defended as the best makeshifts they could devise.*"

Mr. Jinnah is no longer young. His hair are now mostly gray and his frame is withered, earning for him the soubriquet "The Thin Man" from John Gunther. But otherwise he remains the Jinnah of 1918 "insistent upon the whole of his scheme with all its shortcomings," whatever that scheme might be for the time being. No! I have not the least doubt that the Royal Commission will remain in the forefront of his programme, that we will hear the echo of his demand from North and South and East and West.

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But my apprehension for Jinnah arises not from the impossibility but the very probability of his gaining his demand. A Royal Commission ungained is a pistol aimed at the head of the Congress but a Royal Commission gained may reveal that the pistol is unloaded, that it is only a toy pistol! A demand *in posse* is a matchless asset to Jinnah but *in esse* it may prove a paralysing liability. In other words in his Royal Commission, Mr. Jinnah will have caught a Tartar, a number of Tartars!

I am not saying this because I am convinced that Mr. Jinnah's atrocity tales are without a bottom and that they will not convict a cocroach. I have great respect for Jinnah's legal as well as political acumen and I do feel that a lawyer and politician of his standing must have at least a *prima facie* case when he makes such a serious demand.

On the other hand the Congress "High Command", too, is full of legal luminaries who must have an answer ready for every allegation. Otherwise Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel would not have so vehemently challenged the Governors to give their verdict.

No! I am neither concerned with the League charges nor with the Congress rebuttal thereof. What I really wonder over is what attitude is the British Government or the Royal Commission appointed by them likely to take in this fight of the proverbial cats. Is it likely to adopt the pose of the blind goddess of justice, with a scale in one hand and a trident in the other? Or is it more likely to act like the crafty monkey in Aesop's fable?

I know the mere mention of a monkey in this context will send a shock of horror through the brains of most of our elders and even many of our youngers. I shall be accused of *lese-majeste*, even of criminal levity. All of us (including even the Liberals) now realise that John Bull has feet of clay. The myth of British justice and fair-play invoked by the men of Dadabhoy's generation has been long since exploded. Even an Indian school-boy now puts out his tongue at "perfidious Albion" and gets away with it.

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But Royal Commission! ROYAL COMMISSION!! It seems to us a holy institution yet. We roll the words on our tongue and feel their venerable weight hitting our teeth. It sounds into our ears as the mention of the Delphic Oracle must have done on the ears of the ancient Hellenese.

The Royal Commissioners who voyage forth to India appear to us as King Arthur's Round Tablers. *Knights sans peur et sans reproche.* They appear clad in the vestments of the Apostles, their human frailties and Imperial loyalties doffed off while crossing the Suez Canal. Justice, the Whole Justice and Nothing But Justice becomes thenceforth their (alleged) watchwords.

That even nationalists share those views is proved by the hush that fell upon the country when Jinnah thundered forth from his eyrie on the Malabar Hill "I now demand the appointment of a Royal Commission!" Many have challenged Mr. Jinnah but none has so far questioned the impartiality of a British Royal Commission to adjudicate upon the case. I DO.

By the way I must mention here that Mr. Jinnah wants not only a Royal Commission but a Royal Commission of a purely judicial personnel and composed of Judges of His Majesty's High Court, etc. This further qualification no doubt makes the Commissioners look still more sacrosanct but whether constitutionally a Judicial Royal Commission differs from the common or garden variety is an issue, which I ask my lawyer friends to elucidate. My own layman's view is, it does not.

(To Be Concluded).

The War Goes On!

Will Italy Be Involved In Conflict?

(By Our Special Correspondent)

The pattern of the present war becomes increasingly more complex. New issues and new parties are getting involved in the conflict.

Let us go back to the beginning of the war. Germany provokes the Allies to a declaration of war by an absolutely unjustifiable attack on Poland. The game begins on clear-cut lines. British Empire and France versus Nazi Germany.

The first complication arises when Soviet troops cross the Polish border and share the booty with Germany. The country of Poland is duly partitioned between Hitler and Stalin.

Whither Italy?

An even worse complication results from Soviet Russia attacking Finland. This invasion, technically, is not a part of the Allies-German imbroglio. It is a separate issue. The British Empire and France are not at war with Soviet Russia. But in international strategy one thing reacts on the other and the Soviet-Finnish war is already producing far-reaching repurcussions.

Its most significant reactions can be observed in the rapidly changing attitude of Italy. At the outbreak of the war, Italy was the Axis-partner of Germany and its neutrality was looked upon as highly suspicious. Anytime, it was expected, Italy would jump into the fray as an ally of Germany. But the Soviet-German alliance, the partition of Poland and the consequent threat to Italian interests in the Balkans and the invasion of Finland by the Soviet—these factors seem to have taken Italy farther and farther away from her former axis-partner.

The question now being asked is: Will Italy completely break away with Germany and join hands with the Allies? That depends mainly, of course, on whether Germany and Russia enter into a military alliance. But already we see significant straws in the wind which point the way to possible future developments. According to the usually well-informed, "The Week", "it can be confirmed that rumours to the effect that there are negotiations in progress for an Allied loan to Italy are correct". The figure mentioned by the paper is £40,000,000.

Opportunist Game

According to the same source, "it is stated both in London and Rome that there has as yet by no means been secured a final agreement upon the political terms of the loan"; It is also pointed out that during the past few weeks the tone of the Italian press has been somewhat hostile towards London and Paris, increasingly insistent upon the Italian Colonial claims. Whatever game Mussolini is playing it is an opportunist one. Wooed by western democracies, he is sure to exact a high price for his co-operation, whether it be secured to fight Hitler or Stalin. We already note that from the list of the oppressed nations that are to be freed at the successful conclusion of the war, the name of Abyssinia is significantly absent!

Italy's interest in Finland shows no signs of flagging. Besides the arms (which Hitler has now released from detention), Italian volunteers are now arriving to fight for the Finns. Nobody can *accuse* the Fascists of any genuine concern for the fate of a free country. But are they going to form in Finland a Christian Front against Communism?

A Puzzle

It is a most peculiar position. Italy hates Soviet Russia and is flirting with the Allies but does not seem to be ready to break off with Hitler. The Nazis are the allies both of Stalin, the invader of Finland, and Mussolini, the would-be deliverer (?) of Finland! On the clarification

(Continued on page 7, column 5.)

Frankly Speaking

Japanese Failure

The resignation of the Japanese Cabinet is confirmed, but reports as to who is to form the new Government are still conflicting. Moreover, what development in policy the change is designed to herald is still far from clear, and that is the vital point. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that a split has taken place between Wang Ching-Wei, the Japanese sponsored alternative to Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, and some of his prominent followers on the very eve of the formation of a "Central Government" at Nanking. This split at the decisive moment deals a severe blow to Japan's peace offensive. It remains to be seen what effect it will have on Japan's new Government. If Japan has eyes she will see that her adventure has failed in China and, furthermore, it is antagonising those foreign Powers whom she cannot afford to antagonise. But has Japan eyes?

Hitler And Mussolini

Herr Hitler must be diplomatically *in extremis* distracted as he is by conflicting loyalties to his old friend Signor Mussolini and his new friend M. Stalin. Il Duce insists on announcing his antagonism to Russia. 'Rome' says the semi-official *Relazion Internazionali*, "has no aims or schemes of aggression against Soviet Russia, but she is determined to defend the Danubian and Balkan order against possible Bolshevik encroachment for the same reasons that she generously and disinterestedly assisted defence of order in Spain." Signor Mussolini is repeatedy challenging both Herr Hitler and M. Stalin and the Fuehrer finds himself—with perhaps abject apologies to M. Stalin—helpless before the truculence of the erstwhile junior partner. Why, the poor Fuehrer had even to release the Italian supplies to Finland which he had held up under pressure from Moscow! A British paper is reported to have suggested only a few days ago that he did not feel himself quite safe in the friendship of M. Stalin and was, therefore, unwilling to break with Signor Mussolini. The suggestion is at least plausible.

A Russian Warning

Russia's "warning" to Sweden and Norway is now rapidly assuming the proportions of a bullying but grave threat. The grounds on which the allegations —which are in themselves open to question—against them are sought to be justified are, of course, all nonsense. It does not, unfortunately, lie in the mouth of M. Stalin to call Scandinavian activities internationally impermissible when he is doing his worst—and proclaiming it proudly through the Press, the platform and the Radio—to assist the Nazis to fight the war against Britain and France. Nor does it occur to this martyred gentleman that he has embarked upon an adventure of aggression exactly similar to those against which he himself had been rightly protesting and for which he had been, again rightly, calling the active wrath of the world on the aggressors. It does not, secondly, occur to him that his "warning" ought to be addressed to other countries also including America and Italy! The fact is that in the pursuit of power politics the Russian dictator has become the cynical—and not altogether gallant—bully whom the modern world knows so well to its tragedy. There is, of course, no justice in his attempt to coerce weak States. The important question is: will these weak States yield or defy?

Arabs And Indian Freedom

That the Congress demand for self-determination has the warmest support of all Palestinian Arabs, that India's freedom would powerfully contribute to the cause of Islamic nations of Syria and Palestine, and, indeed, all the Arab world, that Congress stand was not only entirely just but also precisely the same as theirs and that Arab leaders would welcome the visit of a Congress leader, are the views of Musa Huseini, nephew of the Grand Mufti, and cousin of Jamal Huseini, a member of the Higher Committee, expressed in an interview with an Indian journalist in London. There is nothing surprising in this statement. The Arab nationalists have always warmly reciprocated Indian sympathy for their political aspirations. They are able to understand the Indian problem as they are striving against virtually identical conditions. We are particularly glad to note that the Arab leader bases Arab-Indian unity on the common cause of national freedom. The Muslim Leaguers, who airily talk about the Islamic world, know little about the revolutionary trends in Muslim countries which, in their political objective, are far closer to the Indian National Congress than to communalist champions of Islam.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

In the large state of Chattari in Bulandshahr District a symbolic act took place which was full of significance. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was asked by the peasants to lay the foundation of a pukka building for a peasant. This was the first pukka building which a peasant had built in that Ilaqa, as previous to the new Act, no such building could be built without the permission of the Zamindars and this permission was not given.

—U. P. Report.

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On Sunday morning the Viceroy visited the Natural History Museum, was particularly interested in the birds and, so we are informed, "recognised and discussed the habits and characteristic of many of the exhibits."

Splendid. But did he recognise and discuss the habits and characteristics of many of the exhibits—er—elsewhere also?

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Discussing the Viceroy's "impressive speech", the Calcutta "Statesman" suggests that Mr. Chamberlain's recent warning as to the future was perhaps due to positive information of desperate offensives in the spring.

We entirely agree.

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In a recent speech in Madanpura, a speaker is reported to have declared, that 'the Muslim League was as anxious as anyone else in the country to secure India's freedom.'

The authoritative orator was Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim.

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It is now learnt that that the hold-up in Germany of Italian supplies to Finland was due to transport difficulties.

Signor Mussolini waved his finger and like a magic wand it dissipated all the mechanical obstacles. Such is life even in this scientific-materialist age.

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It is officially announced that "the Japanese army in North China has no intention of engaging in any activities leading to any anti-American movement or ideas in any respect."

Thanks to the Embargo Bill and the super-battleships programme.

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Russian Military Headquarters deny that Finland had any success recently or that German military instructors had been called to reorganise the Red Army.

Let us hope the denial is at least 50 per cent correct.

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Nine Soviet planes bombed workmen's quarters in Helsinki the other day.

We are not, however, excited.

We recall more thorough-going er liquidation of the proletariat within Russia herself for urgent and unavoidable—ideological reasons.

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"Phase D", which has been brought into force in Belgium, is described as the penultimate phase of mobilisation.

Quite appropriate, though. After Phase er-D, hell let loose.

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A press head line refers to the death of a "beggar" with with Rs. 6,000 a year.

The lucky beggar. We wish—Phase er-D, hell let loose.

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"BRUSSELS, January 14.

The Ministry of National Defence communique confirms that all Belgian Army men on leave have been ordered to return immediately to their units".—Reuter.

O wind, if winter comes
Then spring is not far behind!

Or some such words, conveying the meaning that it is round the corner.

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Uncle: "What are you looking so worried about?"

Young Nephew: "Well, yesterday teacher said two and two are four, and to-day father said one and three are four, and I don't know which to believe."

Suspend India Act Constitution

Demand Of Sind Muslims And Hindus? Congress Leaders To Consult Wardha

KARACHI, January 15.

Opinion in the political circles of Sind is fast crystallising in favour of a joint appeal being made to H. E. the Governor to suspend the Constitution, under the Government of India Act, 1935, in the province for a term, until the fresh Assembly elections are held.

Muslim Demand

Khan Bahadur M. A. Khurro, Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Sind Legislative Assembly, and the Working Committee of the Sind Provincial Muslim League have clarified their attitude on the subject of an alternative ministry, which they deem proper under the circumstances, and advocate suspension of the Constitution.

The Hindu opinion (including the opinion of members of the Shikarpur Hindu Panchayat, which was always supporting the Allabux Ministry) is also that the Constitution be suspended in Sind.

CONGRESS ATTITUDE

As regards the attitude of the Congress Party in the Sind Assembly on this proposal, it is said that Dr. Choithram P. Gidwani and Prof. Ghanshyam, who have left for Wardha to-day will seek the Congress High Command's advice on the subject.—United Press.

SIND MUSLIMS MUST JOIN CONGRESS

Khan Abdul Quaiyum Khan's Advice

KARACHI, Jan. 14.

Addressing a largely-attended public meeting here Khan Abdul Quaiyum Khan, M.L.A. (Central), appealed to the Muslims of Sind to join and capture the Congress machinery.

The speaker said that he had heard some Muslim leaders in the province saying that the Congress High Command was dominated by Hindus, and that the interests of Islam would suffer if they joined the Congress; but he was there to testify that not a single step had been taken by the Congress High Command to jeopardise the interests of the Muslims of the Frontier Province during the last few years. In fact, it was the good fortune of the Mussalmans of that province to be guided by the only truly national and representative organisation of India.

Khan Abdul Quaiyum urged the Muslims of the Province, specially the rising generation, to enrol themselves in large numbers as Congressmen and make the Congress their own organisation, as their confreres in the North-West Frontier Province had done.—United Press.

REMOVE BAN ON SUBHAS BOSE

Karachi Political Conference Resolutions

KARACHI, Jan. 15.

With a view to tackling the problem of educated unemployed, the Government was urged the grant of sixteen acres of land at the Karachi District Political Conference which concluded last night.

The Conference which was inaugurated by Moulvi Obedullah Sindhi and presided over by Moulvi Usman Sadiq was well attended, a number of Muslims being present. Among others, the Conference was addressed by Khan Abdul Quayam, Dr. Choitram and Prof. Ghansham.

INQUIRY DEMAND

By another resolution the Conference condemned the alleged harassment of Congressmen by police in Sind and appointed an enquiry committee to collect evidence. The Conference also passed a resolution appealing to the Congress Working Committee to remove the ban on Congressmen, including Babu Subhas Chandra Bose

The Conference by a resolution made a demand for convening a Constituent Assembly for framing the constitution of India by her own people and in case of failure of the British Government to grant the privilege, the Conference asked the Congress High Command to launch a struggle and chalk out its constructive programme.—United Press.

YONAI FORMS NEW CABINET

Turn In Japan's Foreign Policy: Moderate Line To Be Followed?

TOKIO, Jan. 15.

The new Cabinet includes Premier Admiral Yonai, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Arita, Minister of War, Gen. Hata, and Minister of Navy Vice-Admiral Yoshida.

Earlier

With the full support of the Army behind him, Admiral Yonai's selection of Ministers has progressed smoothly, states the Domei Agency and he is expected to complete the task to-day.

FOREIGN POLICY

Admiral Yonai, when he was Navy Minister in the Hiranuma Cabinet, strongly opposed the strengthening of the Anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance and his staunch opposition with Mr. Arita (then Foreign Minister) has finally turned the tide of Japan's foreign policy. It is considered very probable that the new Cabinet will follow the moderate line adopted by Mr. Nomura, the Foreign Minister in the outgoing Cabinet.—Reuter.

It is decided to hold the C. P. Forward Bloc Conference at Betul on the 20th instant. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose will preside and Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose is expected to attend it.

Nazi Bluff To Intimidate Neutrals

NERVOUSNESS IN BELGIUM ALLAYED

Road And Rail Communications With Germany Normal

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15.

The situation in Belgium is generally considered much easier today.

Well-informed circles state that the nervousness of the population has been allayed by the military measures taken by the Government and it is now possible to consider that the crisis is passing.

FRONTIER CLOSED AT NIGHT

The frontier between Belgium and Germany has been closed every night for some weeks past, but there has been no change in the arrangements since the present crisis began. It is understood that both road and rail communications with Germany are normal.—Reuter

FALSE ALARMS

Unofficial Speculations In London

LONDON, Jan. 15.

If Herr Hitler is actually preparing a "Blitz Krieg", it will almost certainly come without warning and, therefore, the current alarms about Belgium and Holland may turn out, as was the case on more than one previous occasion, to be false alarms.

SPECULATIONS SEQUEL TO PUBLICITY

This is the view in unofficial but informed quarters in London, which recall that a somewhat similar situation arose in November in regard to the Low countries, which were believed to be in peril, but fortunately these fears proved groundless, although there was ample substantiation for them at the time. It is stated that fears being expressed in the Press to-day might prove well-founded but it is pointed out that when Herr Hitler has struck in the past it has always been with extreme secrecy and swiftness and, therefore, the publicity being given to the Low countries may be an indication that nothing in fact will take place.

PRUDENT MEASURES

At the same time, precautions taken by Dutch and Belgian Governments and the stopping of leave by the British High Command are felt to be undoubtedly prudent. It is learned that the Dutch and Belgian people are taking the situation with admirable calm. In view of the improved weather in Central and Eastern Europe and an apparent that in those regions, it is believed in London that conditions may be more favourable for adventures there than in the Low countries. It is thought that a move might be made there, while attention is diverted to Belgium and Holland.

Is It Only War Of Nerves?

PARIS: While the seriousness of the threat to Belgium and Holland involved in the massive concentrations of German troops on their frontiers is fully realised here, it is felt that there is no need to dramatise or exaggerate the present situation. From the military point of view, there has been relatively few movements of German troops recently although apparently German commanders have received orders to be prepared for any eventuality. This does not greatly change the situation which existed for months past since it is always possible for German troops on these frontier to take the offensive within 24 or 48 hours.

Current opinion in Paris is that Germany is again staging an episode of a war of nerves and attempting to intimidate the Neutrals.

Another Piece Of Bluff?

Comment on the tension in Belgium and Holland indicates that the Press generally regards the German threat as another piece of bluff. "Pertinax" writes in "Le O'Rdre": "The general opinion is that the Reich only wants to retain supplies through threats."

NEUTRALS ALSO VICTIMS OF WAR

NEW YORK:—Cancellation of leave in the B. E. F. and the Belgium and Dutch armies forms the principal topic in the New York Press. "Once again Belgium and the Netherlands are preparing to defend themselves", writes "The New York Times" which adds: "Whether Germany attacks or again withholds the expected blow, the neutrals are almost as much victims of the war as the belligerents." Dutch merchantships are being sunk each week by German mines and submarines. Belgium and Holland are put to huge expense of mobilisation and their populations live in constant terror of an attack."

The New York "Herrald's Tribune" writes: "If to the dead of nations which Nazi imperialism has left behind it, there is added the slaughter of Belgium and Holland it would be regarded as a monstrous crime by every nation in the world.

No Acute Danger

AMSTERDAM: Assurances that no acute danger is threatening the country are displayed in newspapers. A correspondent of a Dutch agency in Limbourg reports that the population is generally taking the situation calmly. The fact that Belgium is taking more far-reaching measures than Holland has caused uneasiness in certain plaees along the Belgian border.

KILLED WHILE TESTING

THE HAGUE: It is revealed that two Dutch soldiers were killed and four wounded by an explosion, which occurred during tests with explosives on Saturday in east of the province of Groningen.—Reuter.

BERLIN BLAMES BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A statement issued by the official German News Agency in connection with the precautionary measures taken by Belgium and Holland makes an absurd charge that British and French Governments deliberately posted information to Brussels and Amsterdam in order to induce them to carry out precautionary measures which they have taken.

PARIS:—M. Daladier received the Belgian Ambassador this afternoon.—Reuter.

CHRISTIAN FRONT'S PLOT FOILED

Prompt Police Raids Lead To Seizure Of Bombs, Rifles And Ammunition

18 REVOLUTIONARIES ARRESTED: POLICE CHIEF'S SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

NEW YORK January 15.

18 Members of the organisation called "Christian Front" were arrested by the Federal Bureau Agents on charges of conspiracy to create revolution in the United States, overthrow Government and establish dictatorship, announced Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of America's "G. Men".

A small arsenal was unearthed in New York City which it is alleged the "Christian Front" had intended for revolutionary purposes. The arrested persons are said to have functioned as sport club and planned a reign of terror to begin on January 20 bringing about the eradication of all Jews and seizure of public utilities.

The conspiracy called for the bombing of the offices of the Jewish daily newspaper "Forward," seizure of the customs house, the main post office in New York city, the federal reserve banks throughout America and the National Guard.

Mr. Hoover declared that the principal reader among those arrested is John F. Cassidy, leader of the Christian Front, who is addressed by his followers as the Fuehrer.

Federal agents in several raids confiscated bombs, number of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition. It is alleged that the conspiracy is at least seven months old. Search is continuing for arms for the "Christian Front" armies elsewhere.

Mr. Hoover said he made the announcement of the plot at the request of Mr. Frank Murphy, the retiring Attorney-General.

The conspirators met secretly in the homes of various members and one at least was a member of the German-American Bund while many were connected with the United States reserve forces. Mr. Hoover said the "Christian Front" had thousands of members, but declined to estimate the exact number, pending the completion of sweeping and nation-wide investigations which are now in progress.—Reuter.

U. S. INTERESTS IN CHINA

American Demand For Guarantees From Japan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

Authoritative circles have disclosed that the United States will not enter into even a temporary agreement to replace the commercial treaty with Japan, expiring on Jan. 26 unless Japan made effective guarantees that American interests will receive equal and fair treatment hereafter in Japanese-occupied China —Reuter.

BOMBAY DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

Elections On Saturday And Sunday Next

NO CONTEST IN 'B' AND 'C' WARDS

The General Secretaries of the B. P. C. C. announce:—

Following are the validly nominated candidates for the Congress delegates' election from the City of Bombay for the various Constituencies in the City. The polling booths and polling hours are also given below against every Constituency.

The election in A (Fort) Ward will take place on Saturday, January 20 and in other wards on Sunday, January 21, 1940.

(A WARD 1 SEAT.)

1. Sjt. Dahyabhai V. Patel.
2. Sjt. Purshottam Trikamdas

Polling Booth: Esplanade Maidan, Waudby Road Side.

Polling Hours: From 8-30 to 10-30 in the forenoon and from 1 to 7 in the afternoon.

B WARD 3 SEATS.

1. Sjt. Bhawanji Arjan Khimji.
2. Dr. D. T. Anklesaria.
3. Sjt. Harbheram N. Popat.

As there are only three candidates for the three seats, these are declared elected as the Congress Delegates from the City of Bombay. There will, therefore be no election in this Constituency.

(C WARD 5 SEATS)

1. Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai
2. Sjt. Manibhai Jaimal Sheth.
3. Sjt. Nagindas T. Master
4. Sjt. Soondardas Morarjee
5. Sjt. Yusuf Meherally

As there are only five candidates for the five seats, these are declared elected. There will, therefore, be no election in this Constituency as well.

D WARD 3 SEATS

1. Sjt. Asoka Mehta
2. Sjt. N. E. Upadhyaya.
3. Smt. Perin D. S. Captain
4. Sjt. Ramdas D. Pratap
5. Sjt. Rangildas M. Kapadia.
6. Sjt. S. K. Patil.
7. Sjt. Shankerrao M. Kallianpurkar

Polling Booth—Congress House, Vithalbhai Patel Road

Polling hours: From 8 to 12 in the forenoon and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

(E WARD 6 SEATS.)

1. Sjt. Amir Haidar Khan
2. Sjt. Babulal P. Vakharia.
3. Sjt. Gangadhar A. Shanbhag.
4. Sjt. Hiralal A. Dave
5. Sjt. Keshav Laxman Borkar
6. Sjt. Patil Narayan Kajle.
7. Sjt. R. K. Aehrekar.
8. Sjt. S. V. Pipale.
9. Sjt. Sarju Prasad Banka
10. Sjt. Sayaji L. Silam.
11. Sjt. Shrinivas Bagarka.
12. Sjt. Vasant B. Karnik.
13. Sjt. Vishnu Gopal Sonpatki.
14. Sjt. Vishwanath Rajaram Tulla

Polling Booth: Godapdeo Maidan, Reay Road, near Maruthi Temple.

Polling Hours: From 8 to 12 in the forenoon and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

(F WARD 8 SEATS.)

1. Sjt. B. N. Maheshwari
2. Sjt. Dhansukh N. Naik.
3. Sjt. K. Vithal Rao.
4. Sjt. Rudrapratap Singh.
5. Sjt. Sakharam Babaji Mahadeshwar.
6. Sjt. Sawlaram Gopal Patkar
7. Sjt. Vasudeo Balkrishna Korgaonkar.
8. Sjt. Raj Bahadur Singh.

Polling Booths two as under:

(1) Nappoo Hall, Matunga.
(2) Bhivaji Rao Nare Park, Parel

Polling Hours: From 8 to 12 in the forenoon and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

Since the right of voting is to be exercised only by the 'Card' holders, voters are requested to vote at either of these booths as they please. It will be, however, better if each voter chooses his booth nearest to him. The Card will be stamped as soon as the ballot paper is issued and hence there is no question of using it again.

(G WARD 4 SEATS.)

1. Sjt Dattatrrya Sakharam Vaidya.
2. Sjt. Ishwarbhai Somabhai Patel
3. Sjt. Jagdeoshankar Sharma.
4. Dr. M. R. Shetty.
5. Sjt. Madhukar Narayan Valanju.
6. Sjt. Pralhad Krishna Kurane.
7. Sjt. Ramchandra Krishna Bhogale.
8. Sjt. Shankar Vaman Deshpande.
9. Smt. Shantabai Ganesh Vengsarkar.
10. Dr. Trimbak Ramchandra Naravane.

Polling Booths: Shivaji Park, Dadar.

Polling Hours: From 8 to 12 in the forenoon and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

CUMULATIVE VOTING.

The system of voting is what is known as the 'Cumulative Voting'. Every voter has as many votes as there are seats to be filled in his Constituency. He will be given as many perforated tickets equal to his votes and these he can distribute among the candidates in any manner he likes.

Where duplicate cards are issued, the original cards are 'ipso facto' null and void. The Presiding Authority will have the numbers of duplicate cards noted on the Register and there will be no possibility of double voting.

BRITAIN MUST DECLARE INDIA'S FREEDOM FIRST

(Continued from page 1)

new pledge to revise their attitude. Charka was Socialism in practice. He urged Berar Congressmen to sink their differences and stand united behind Mahatma Gandhi.

Later, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed a public meeting where he emphasised the need to work the constructive programme of the Congress.

FOLLOW MAHATMA

In the evening he unveiled a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the District Congress Committee premises. In the course of a brief speech he wished the unveiling ceremony had been performed by some worthier person. He was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi but he could not say how far he had succeeded in following him fully. Every Congress Committee had Mahatma Gandhi's portrait but this was not enough but it must be the aim of all to strive to follow Mahatma Gandhi

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel left for Wardha.—A.P.

IRAN'S CENSUS TO FIND OUT EFFECTIVES

BEIRUT, January 15.

It is learned from Teheran that the Iranian Minister of Interior has ordered a census to be taken throughout Iran.

It is believed in political circles that the Government wishes to know exactly the number of Iranian effectives, which could be mobilised in case of necessity. —Reuter.

Jamnalalji Elected Unopposed

NAGPUR, Jan. 14.

Others having withdrawn their candidature, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj has been returned unopposed as a delegate to the Ramgarh Congress from Wardha.

It is understood that the Forward Bloc has not set up any candidate.

This year there has been a considerable fall in Congress membership in Nagpur town.—A. P.

OVER 1,300 INTERNED IN BRITAIN

Work Of Aliens Tribunal Completed

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The work of the Aliens Tribunals which were set up at the beginning of the war has now been practically complete having dealt with over 60,000 cases of which 436 Germans, 50 Austrians, 120 refugees, 366 non-refugees were interned and many others subjected to special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens. In addition 300 German-Austrians were interned in the early days of war under a royal prerogative.

As a result of the Tribunal's investigations the police are now in possession of complete dossiers of all enemy aliens, whose position is far different from that in 1914.

Czechs numbering about 10,000 in Britain are exempted from registering as enemy aliens and a separate tribunal has been set up to review their position.—Reuter.

WILL ITALY BE INVOLVED IN CONFLICT?

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of these issues depends the future course of the war which seems to have entered a period of stalemate even in Finland, despite the renewed "Red" offensive.

The other phases of the war, as manifested last week, may be summed up as follows:—

Holland and Belgium are nervous and putting up defences to ward off a possible Nazi offensive.

Allied aerial activity was carried on into a new territory when the planes flew over Austria and Czechoslovakia and 'rained' leaflets.

According to the French Minister of Marine, "the Allies had assured freedom for Allied commerce, brought about the disappearance of German overseas trade and confined 400 German ships to neutral ports. The French Navy alone had sunk ten U-boats, examined 239 vessels and intercepted 622,000 tons of merchandise bound for Germany."

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No Free Supply Of Books To Harijans

Question Of Entry Into Houses Referred To Commissioner

BOMBAY, Monday.

After a heated discussion for over an hour the Municipal Corporation on Monday threw out the resolution of Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar for providing, free of cost, books to the students of the scheduled classes. The non-Congress Municipal group supported the resolution wholeheartedly but without avail.

Mr. Deorukhkar's another proposition to throw open hotels and restaurants to scheduled classes was also hotly discussed but was ultimately sent to the Municipal Commissioner for report.

Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar moved that the Schools Committee be requested to consider the desirability of providing, free of cost, books to the students of the scheduled classes in municipal schools.

Mrs. Shuffi Tyebji seconded the proposition.

Dr. A. J. Collaco opposing the proposition said there were many rich among the scheduled classes, who could afford to buy books for their children while there were a number of poor parents among the non-scheduled classes, who could not afford to buy books for their children. He thought they should not distinguish scheduled classes from non-scheduled classes.

Mr. Mohanlal N. Desai pointed out to the deficit budget and said the proposition was bad from social, political and economical points of view.

"MOST VICIOUS"

Mr. S. K. Patil characterised the proposition as the most vicious ever moved in the Municipal Corporation. He failed to understand why they should give help only to the scheduled classes students and not to the poor students without any distinction. The Congress was opposed to social inequality but for economic equality all communities should strive together and try to hold their own. There was economic inequality among other classes than the scheduled classes and they too required help and it would be unfair to them if they singled out only scheduled classes for their benevolence.

Prof. S. R. Davar moved an amendment to extend the help to the deserving poor but the Mayor ruled it out of order as it went beyond the scope of the original resolution.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar moved another amendment to help only those students whose parents earned less than Rs. 50 p.m. The Mayor ruled his amendment also out of order.

Dr. S. P. Mehta moved another amendment to refer the subject matter to the Schools Committee for report.

Prof. S. R. Davar said before the Congress Party came into power, they promised free housing accommodation and free and compulsory primary education and this is the way they kept the promise.

Mr. E. R. Hirjibehedin said about Rs. 400 were spent every year in giving free books to the students of the scheduled classes by the Schools Committee.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said what the scheduled classes required was free books and free scholarships and not separate electorate.

Mr. Suleman Darvesh said that not a single rupee was spent for supplying free books to the Muslim students.

The amendments as well as the original proposition were thrown out by a large majority.

ACCESS TO EATING HOUSES

The House then considered another proposition of Mr. Deorukhkar which stated: that the Corporation are of opinion that all eating houses and restaurants in the city should be open to the scheduled classes.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner with a request to consider the desirability of inserting a suitable condition in the Licence Forms for achieving the object in view.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar seconded the proposition. Mr. Nimbkar said although the Congress Government had ordered not to keep any distinction of caste in eating houses, Harijans were not admitted not only in the Hindu hotels but also in Irani and Mogul restaurants.

Mr. S. K. Patil said the attitude of the Congress was well-known regarding the removal of the disability of the Harijans so far as public places under the control of the Municipality and the Government were concerned. In Madras, there was a difference of opinion and, therefore, it was better to refer the matter to the Municipal Commissioner for report. He moved an amendment accordingly.

The Municipal Commissioner said the question was discussed in 1933 in the Municipal Corporation in a somewhat different form and then it was referred for legal opinion, which stated that it was 'ultra vires' for the Municipality to impose restrictions upon hotels and restaurants. The police, however, in their licences were enforcing this rule and any infringement was taken notice of by the police authorities.

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta moved an amendment to omit the second part of the proposition, which being put to vote was thrown out and the amendment of Mr. Patil to refer the matter to the Municipal Commissioner for report was agreed to.

RENAMING A MARKET

The House threw out the following resolution of Mr. D. V. Pradhan:

That the Market and Gardens Committee be requested to consider and report as to the desirability of naming the Gold Mohur Castle Municipal Market at Byculla, as Jyotiba Fule Market.

Mr. Pradhan said Mr. Fule was a social reformer and a great advocate of women's education about fifty years ago.

Mr. M. E. Joshi wanted the name of the late Mr. Sorabji Dhondi applied to the market. The House, however, threw out both the proposition and the amendment. The Corporation then adjourned till Thursday at 2-30 p.m.

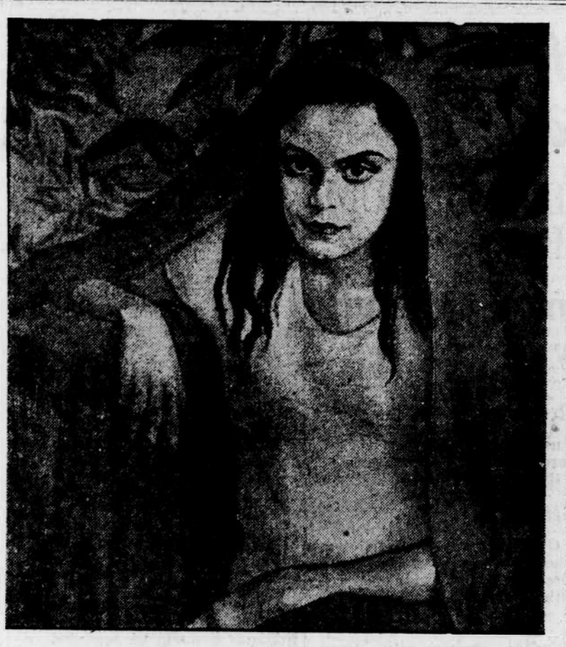
Armed Persons Arrested In Court Compound

KARACHI, Jan. 14.

Five Pathans were arrested and several deadly weapons including daggers and spears, seized from their possession following a coup by the police in the court of the City Magistrate, Karachi.

It appears that when the Court met on Friday morning, the Magistrate was informed that a party of Pathans armed with weapons was loitering in the compound with a view, it is alleged, to carry away by force a girl who had come to tender evidence in an abduction case. The Magistrate summoned the police who raided the area and arrested the suspects.—United Press.

At a meeting of the Provincial Trade Union Congress, Mr. R. S. Ruiker, presiding, it was decided to hold another meeting three months hence to fix the date for a general strike to protest against profiteering prevailing in the market. The meeting appointed a War Council for the purpose.



'Red Shawl' exhibit No. 295 by Mrs. Magda Nachmann in the Art Society's Exhibition.

Exhibition At Town Hall

Current Tendencies Of Art

Over 600 exhibits are on view at the forty-ninth annual exhibition of the Bombay Art Society at the Town Hall. Though the exhibition is on an all-India basis, the Bombay school appears to be prominent on the screen as well as the prize-list. The Society should be congratulated on having secured the Roerich-collection—the Himalayan art of the sage-artist Professor Nicholas Roerich and his son, M. Svetoslav. The Roerich-exhibits depict the beauty of the Himalayas and the majesty of Nature. Imaginative interpretations of the moods and manifestations of Nature reinforce the appeal of the art of Prof. Roerich. Glowing colours and the strong contrasts produced by them in well-balanced compositions create beautiful effects of peaks, snow, water-falls, rivers, sky and clouds. Artists and art-lovers should not miss the rare opportunity of seeing this splendid section of the exhibition.

OILS

The section of oil paintings has some delightful exhibits. No. 183 "Shakuntala" by Mr. Deuskar is conspicuous by its softness, beautiful composition and the refinement of technique. No. 206 "Gossips" by Mr. N. S. Bendre illustrates beauty perceived by the artist in an ordinary street scene. No. 181 "A Weekly Bazar" by Mr. M. R. Katvate has a balanced composition and luminous effect produced by colours. The lively expression, rich colours and decorative effects of No. 247 "Miss Bush" by Mr. V. A. Mali furnish a contrast to his usual style exemplified by his "Dandy" No. 702.

No. 232 "Dockyards" and No. 230. "A Group of Multani Ladies" reveal the keenness of colour-sense and dexterity of Mr. P. T. Reddy to handle different subjects. No. 234 "Landscape" by Mr. A. A. Majid (a prize Rs. 50) has a fine composition and appropriate colour-scheme, Mr. K. B. Hebbar whose "At Carla Caves" (No. 292) won a prize of Rs. 50- presents another exhibit No. 256 "Naughty Three", which depicts the innocence and mirthfulness of childhood. No. 228 "Gateway of India" by Prof. W. Langhammer, No. 295 "Red Shawl" by Mrs. Magda Nachmann, No. 185 "Resting" by Miss Amrita Sher-Gil, No, 250 "Still-life" by Mr. Clement Baptista, and No. 241 "A Street Corner" by Mr. B. K. Bhandare are also fine exhibits.

WATER-COLOURS

The water-colour section shows some nice exhibits which comprise those by Mr. N. S. Bendre (Silver medal and a prize) and by Mr. A. Millet (H. E. the Governor's prize of Rs. 250) No. 171 "Chaupati Morning" by Mr. S. L. Haldankar has an exquisite effect of the sunrise. No. 78 "Indian Market" by Mr.R. V. Pathak (Bronze medal) has a skilful composition. No. 156 "Mother and Child" by Mr. A. P. Artist is a neatly executed picture. No. 89 "Loud Majestic" by Mr. S. H. Godbole presents a pleasant contrast between the calm sea and vigorously rendered clouds. No. 113 "Pehalgaun" by Mr. G. S. Haldankar is a well-finished pleasant landscape. No. 101 "Bungalow 40 Pali Hill" by Miss Pamela Wiles reflects keenness of observation and precision of execution.

'The Woman' in sculpture exhibit No. 509 in the Art Society's Exhibition executed by G. B. Bandivdekar.

INDIAN PAINTINGS

The Indian school of paintings pre-eminently reflects the current tendencies of Indian art in Western India. No. 313, "A portrait" by Mr. G. S. Kapadia (Silver medal) is a force creation. No. 400 "'Spring"—an allegory by Mr. P. T. Reddy (Bronze medal and a prize) is distinguished by the rhythmic lines and graceful posing of figures. "Bullock Cart's Race" No. 305 by Mr. B. D. Smart (Prize Rs. 100) is a boldly executed picture. Cool colours and rhythmic lines of "Jamlinakateer" No. 369 by Mr. L. M. Choradia (Bronze medal and a prize) are appropriate to an exhibit of its kind. No. 401 "Blessing" by Mr. R. G. Chimulkar, and No. 312 "Marriage Procession" by Mrs. Sudha Sawe cannot escape notice. No. 316 "Composition" and No. 327 "Lovers" by Mr. A. A. Majid stand out as a class by themselves from the point of view of the technique.

BLACK AND WHITE

No. 427 "Out for H. E. the Viceroy's Cup" by Mr. R. V. Pathak. No. 440 "Artist Behram Nariman" by Mr. B. N. Sukhadwalla and No. 414 "Boats Under a Bridge" by Mr. D. D'Sylva in the black and white section, a few posters and photographs are other good exhibits. Though the sculpture-section records a rather poor response from artists, it shows No. 509 "The Woman" by Mr. G. B. Bandivdekar; No. 537 "Mahavidya" by Mr. K D. Tripathi and No. 507 A "Captain" by Mr. R. T. Shirgaoker as promising exhibits.

D. G. V.

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Indian rights have already been acquired, for a new process of manufacturing acid steel, so necessary for Army and Railway supplies, entirely from Indian materials. An additional steel making plant and a 50 ton Acid Open Hearth Furnace are being installed which will increase the Company's steel producing capacity by about 200,000 tons a year, of which 50,000 tons would be acid steel.

Plans are already in hand for the installation of a Billet Mill to roll Billets suitable for several types of small and medium forgings, an ingot mould foundry to increase the output of castings, and a plant for the extraction from coke oven gases of Benzol and Toluol.

Proposals for the installation of a hoop and strip Mill and of a tube mill in conjunction with Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds are being held in abeyance for a short time, since priority had to be given to extensions of greater importance under existing war conditions.

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GOSH, DO YOU KNOW HIM, MUTT?
KNOW HIM? DICK AND I ARE LIKE THAT! GIMME YOUR TICKET!
THERE! FORGET IT! I'LL CALL UP THE JUDGE AND FIX IT FOR YOU!
HELLO, GUS! WHAT CHA DOIN' IN THERE?
FIFTEEN DAYS! MUTT FIXED A TICKET I GOT FOR PASSIN' A RED LIGHT!

World Of Sport: Home And Abroad

WHY THE INTER-VARSITY CRICKET FINAL WAS HELD UP

(BY LOOKER-ON)

The final match in the Inter-Varsity Cricket Tournament was to commence at the Hindu Gymkhana ground, Bombay, on Saturday last. But it was held up. The Mysore team had arrived quite in time and the Bombay team was ready to take the field too. However, an unexpected difficulty came in the way. It appears that the Hindu Gymkhana had allowed the use of their ground for a tournament restricted to Pathare Prabhus only and that too for 8 or 10 week-ends in January and February! Of course there is nothing wrong about it.

THE DIFFICULTY.

But the difficulty arose when the Tournament Committee refused to accommodate the University authorities even when requested by the Gymkhana. There was no substantial reason why the Pathare Jrabhu match could not be postponed. As a matter of fact, the University authorities were willing to let them have the use of the neighbouring Grant Medical College Gymkhana ground. But the Prabhus were adamant. I suppose they considered their petty sectional engagement more important than the All-India final!

MOST DEPLORABLE.

The attitude of the Prabhu Tournament Committee was deplorable, to say the least. First of all, they should have been more considerate to a visiting team, who were no doubt considerably inconvenienced by this unexpected delay. Secondly, the visitors were students. Their time was much more valuable than that of others at this tiem of the year. As it is some educationists disfavour this plan of Inter-Varsity Tournament which demands long journeys in a vast country like India and consequent loss of valuable time. No handle should be given to them by further prolongation of time. Finally, the Prabhus sat tight on the ground even though it was not their own. In future the Hindu Gymkhana should consider ten times before accommodating people who have no spirit of accommodation in them.

B. E. S. T. WIN

Wooden-Spooners Meet In Hockey League

B.E.S.T. 3. BOMBAY CITY POLICE 0.

2/15TH PUNJAB REGIMENT 2 ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE 0.

The First division game on Monday evening in the Bombay Hockey League was between two of the three teams booked for relegation, the B.E.S.T. and the Bombay City Police. The game itself never provided hockey that could cause enthusiasm. The B.E.S.T. team were the better of two poor sides, and ran out winners by three clear goals.

Kuttappa gave them the lead early in the initial period, and this was the only progress they made up to half-time.

In the last 10 minutes the B.E.S.T. completed their tally, Days being responsible for both points.

Teams:—

B.E.S.T. Sports Club:—Pereira-Menezes and Vaz; Elliot, Days and Elisha; D'Souza, Gardner, Wilkins, Kuttappa and Fernandes.

City Police:—Hibbert; O'Grady and Bede; Warner, Hewson and Osbourne; Roach Orley, Williams, Laidlaw and E. Scott.

PUNJABI'S WIN.

The Punjab Regiment played nice hockey when they defeated the Elphinstone College by two goals to nil. The College were not disgraced, as they were hard tries throughout, but the Punjabis were clever and fast. Before the teams crossed over Sohan Singh netted for the winners. In the late period Attar Singh added a second goal.

TO-DAYS GAME.

B. P. H. A. ground—5-15. St. Xavier's College vs. Customs.

Rajkumari Amritkaur In Indore

(From Our Own Correspondent)

INDORE; Jan. 13.

Shreemati Rajkumari Amrit Kaur has arrived here and is staying at Manek Baug as the guest of Col. Dinanath, Prime Minister of Indore. Rajkumari visited the Praja Mandal office and addressed a mass meeting of Indore women in the city Town Hall. The working President of the Central India States' People's Conference arrived here today to interview the Prime Minister. It is understood he will also probably interview Rajkumari Amritkaur also and acquaint her with the present political situation of the Central Indian States.

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INTER-'VARSITY CRICKET

Mysore Scores 295 On First Day

The final of the All-India Inter-University Cricket Tournament for the Rohinton Baria Trophy opened at the Hindu Gymkhana ground on Monday.

Mysore won the toss and despite contrary expectations had collected a respectable total (295) at the close of the day's play. Mysore still had one wicket standing when stumps were drawn.

Mysore total was mainly due to a grand stand by M. B. Rama Rao and K. Thimoppayya, who were associated after M. K. Narayana Iyengar had left at the first fall. From 46 they climbed to 171. A good effort, but it will have to be admitted, that Mysore's credit was greatly helped forward through some perfectly sloppy fielding. If Bombay require coaching, they require first lessons in how to field. Before the lunch interval there was a deplorable tale of dropped catches and soft work in other ways.

At lunch the second pair were together with the Board showing 130. As said previously things were carried to 171, when K. Thimappayya left with 68. This total took 2 minutes more than two hours, and had in it eight fours. Forty-two was added for the third wicket (213-3-13). Four quick wickets fell after this and when the seventh man came back to the pavilion Mysore had touched 236. M. B. Rama Rao who scored 105 was the sixth man out. He stayed at the wicket just over four hours. He was not particularly aggressive, and there were spells he was quite satisfied with singles, though, he sent loose ones 14 times to the boundary. The eight and ninth partnerships were dissolved at 262 and 280. C. R. Ramaswami (20 not out) and S. Rama Rao (10 not out) put in some aggressive cricket just before stumps were drawn. The Bombay bowlers had caused to bite their nails, when they saw catch after catch slip through hands. So far Nagaraj Rao has captured 3 wickets at a cost of 32, and Koppikar's bag is 2 for 68.

The match will be resumed to-day at 10-30 a.m.

MYSORE UNIVERSITY 1ST INNINGS.

M. B. Rama Rao b Nagaraj Rao..	105
M. K. Narayana Iyengar c Bhajekar b Adhikari	37
K. Thimappayya b Adhyaru	68
M. B. Krishna Rao c Bhajekar b Nagaraj Rao	13
Y. S. Ramaswamy runout	1
Alasingrachar v Balooch b Nagaraj Rao	1
B. K. Ramaswamy b Koppikar	20
M. Rama Rao c Adhyaru b Balooch	1
C. R. Ramaswami not out	20
A. L. Lingiah st. Bhajekar b Koppikar	9
S. Rama Rao not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 9 wickets) ...	295

IRISH RED CROSS SWEEP

Several Countries To Benefit

DUBLIN, January 15.

Red Cross Societies throughout the world benefit to the extent of £61,307 as a result of a Red Cross Sweepstake organised by the Irish Hospitals Trust. Of the sum, Eire is allocated £28,189, Great Britain £29,766, Northern Ireland £1,766, Finland £514, Poland £229, France £127, Germany £89, Egypt £46 and several small sums to other countries.

The Sweepstake proceeds were £333.118 of which the prize fund was 164.565 comprising five units of £30,000. Drawers of horses receive £217/7/9 each.—Reuter.

Wartime Boat Race At Henley

LONDON, Jan. 15.

It is stated that Oxford has decided to hold the wartime Oxford-Cambridge boat race at Henley during the week beginning Feb. 26.

Rly. Workers Demand War Allowance

A well attended meeting of Railway Workers was held at Manmad under the presidentship of Mr. James Franklin one of the prominent workers from Railway Girder Shop at Manmad. Resolutions in respect of various grievances of Railway Workers at Manmad as also resolutions supporting the decision of Mahagai Conference at Bombay were passed.

Messrs. Patki Anaji, Patil, Bhalerao spoke on the grievances of Railway Workers while Messrs D. S. Vaidya and B. R. Shivankar mainly dealt with the present problem.

By first resolution the meeting demanded immediate increase to such of Railwaymen from G. I.P. Girdir Shop, as have not been given the same; the second resolution demanded increase to all on equal basis; by third resolution the meeting demanded 8 hours duty in place of present 12 hours to Ticket Collectors, Levermen and Gatemen.

By other resolution the meeting dealt with the grievances of Engineering Department. The important resolutions of General nature were the demand for 40 per cent. rise in wages on account of war allowance, support to Mahagai Conference resolutions and demanding immediate price control against the profiteering of merchants.

Our Readers' Views

"Bombay Muslims Pay Homage To Tri-colour"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I am surprised to read the following sentence in the report of "Chronicle" about the rival flag salutation ceremonies in Hussainy Bagh on Sunday:—

"Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan who addressed the audience for about an hour after hoisting the Congress tri-colour could not be heard due to a persistent effort by the rival section to drown his voice."

The situation was quite the reverse. The Nationalist Muslims were in such a strong position and had the services of much superior and stronger loudspeakers of Chicago Company that whenever the Muslim Leaguers tried to speak through their inferior quality loudspeakers their voices could not be heard. We had begun our speeches and poems arousing national sentiment early in the morning at about 7 o'clock. I performed the flag hoisting ceremony exactly at 8-30 a.m., our scheduled time. The scheduled time of Muslim League was 9 a.m., and Sir Currimbhoy who was to unfurl their flag had come quite in time but on account of the enthusiasm of the vast crowds being in our favour the Muslim Leaguers could not begin their ceremony till 10-15. Then also they could do it because on the pressure being exerted by the Police officers we allowed them time upto 11 o'clock. They could not continue even upto 11 a.m. and finished at 10-45 only when we again started our speeches. Several reporters were there and the reports in "Bombay Samachar," "Free Press" and "Times of India" though varying in certain details are substantially correct. But so far as the point in question is concerned I cannot produce a better evidence than that "Khilafat Daily." This is avowedly Promuslim League and anti-Congress paper, it is slinging mud on us, the Muslim nationalists, every day and crying against the Congress 'atrocities' and calling upon Muslims to rally round the Muslim League flag. This paper writes as follows:—

"Bombay 14th January. A new organisation by the name of Markaz-i-Jayushul-Islam (centre of Islamic armies) has been established. The office of this organisation is taken in the same building in which the office of Congress Muslim organisation named Mahfil-afzal-i-Payambari is situated. Markaz-i-Juyush had decided several days ago that Mr. Jinnah should hoist the Muslim League flag on its office. When this decision was publicly announced the Congress Muslims made up their mind to oppose it. They announced the same date for hoisting the tri-colour flag. Accordingly from 8-30 a.m. Muslims began to collect in Hussainy Bagh and on the main road, upto 9-30 it had assumed great proportions. Since last night Mohalla people had begun to fear that there would be a fight and it is a fact that if the members of the Islamic force had not shown patience several men would have died.

Loud speakers were installed on the offices of both organisations there was the Muslim League flag on the office of the Islamic forces; and in front of Afzal-i-Payambari in the open maidan, the tri-colour was set up on a high flag post. First the ceremony of tri-colour was perfomed. Hafiz Ali Bahadur Khan Sahib, M.L.A. after performing the ceremony made a long speech in the course of which he made various kinds of attack on the Muslim League and opened his heart by hurling condemnations. The crowds continued to increase and the tram traffic was paralysed, then the police interfered and said that it had now assumed the form of a regular public meeting on account of which the traffic was stopped, and further that the rival party was not getting an opportunity to perform the ceremony. The Police officers by persuasions succeeded in stopping Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan's speeches at 10-15 a.m. and it was only after this that the proceedings of the Markaz-i-Juyush could begin. Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, hoisted the Islamic flag and made a brief speech. Molvi Fazullan and Mr. Habibul Haq were prominently present. At 11 a.m. the Congress Muslims began their speeches again. At this time one Ahrar worker was cheered because he was going to Punjab to offer Satyagraha.

We are informed that the public meeting under the auspices of Markaz-i-Juyush that was to be held to-night has been postponed.

Congress Muslims have also announced a public meeting. The Markaz-i-Juyush people have fixed their meeting for Wednesday. Any way the delicate situation, that had developed in Madanpura ended without any dangerous incident. Mr. Jinnah did not come to the function.

This is another occasion on which Hafiz Ali Bahadur Khan expressed his heart burnings, and unburdened his heart against the Muslim League, and it is a matter of surprise, that neither on the occasion of his daughter's marriage nor his occasion the zealous workers of the Muslim League gave any reply nor did any one raise a voice of protest in such a large gathering of to day."

This is the translation of the whole report the "Khilafat daily" appearing under the captions "fight of Congress and League flags in Madanpura". "Mischief of congressites and the patience of "Jayush."

This report of an out and out anti-Congress and pro-Muslim League paper shows that far from my voice being drowned in the uproar, I got a patient hearing from a vast sympathetic crowd. The "Chronicle" reporter might have misunderstood the cries of appreciative slogans of thousands of Nationalist Muslims, with which my speech was frequently interrupted as the cries of the opponents. Our demonstration was so well organised and our loudspeaker arrangement was so perfect, and superior to that of the rivals, that our success could not be disputed by any body.—Yours, etc.,

ALI BAHADUR KHAN.

Banks And War Allowance

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is a matter for great regret that no bank is taking any lead in granting "War Allowance" to their members of staff and thus relieve them from the load of anxiety they are undergoing. Each bank is looking to the other for making a move in the matter resulting that people who are drawing a starving salary are hard hit upon. Every Officer of the Bank is reading newspapers which publish horrifying news about the war which has brought about enormous increase in prices of articles required for day to-day purposes. Is this butchery to continue till the rising of the Armis-

tice? Or are the officers of the Banks coming out of their slumber and doing their duty in time?.—Yours, etc.

PRO-BONO-PUBLICO.

Zone Tickets In Kathiawar

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—There are many celebrated places interesting from the point of view of history, religion, antiquity, archaeology and natural scenery in Kathiawar. Chief among them are the Girnar Hills, Satrunjaya Hills, Dwarka, the Solarium at Jamnagar, Somnath Mahadev, Jadeshwar, Bhimnath, Swaminarayan Temples at Gadhada, Barda Hills, Harshad Mata, Gop Hills, Pindara, etc., and if zone tickets like those issued by the B. B. & C. I. Railway are issued jointly by the Kathiawar Railways, which are nearly as large as a zone of the B. B. & C. I. Railway there is vast potentiality of the scheme being attractive from the point of view of the Railways concerned and the travelling public.

It is hoped the Kathiawar Railways will not lag behind in keeping abreast of the times in adopting the scheme which has proved its success and will not lose the chances that it promises to offer.—Yours, etc.

G. [illegible]

INDEPENDENCE DAY, A DAY OF TRIAL

B. P. C. C.'s Instructions: Regard It As 'Dharma' To Attend Meeting

This year the "Independence Day" has naturally assumed an enormous significance in view of the political situation and the determined-stand taken by the Congress as regards our National Demand. The Congress expects every lover of country's freedom to rally round the National Flag on this Day and demonstrate once again that the masses of this country stand solidly behind the Congress in its National Demand, says a statement issued by the General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

The B.P.C.C. has drawn up a very elaborate programme for the observance of the Day.

We expect several lacs of people to attend the mass meetings which will be held in different parts of the City and take the Independence Pledge.

An appeal has been made to the commercial and public associations to observe the Day as a Holiday and we are glad to note that already several mercantile associations and other public bodies have decided to cooperate with us in the demonstrations.

There is a great enthusiasm among the working class population, and particularly among the mill-workers. A request has been made by some of the Trade Unions that the textile mills should remain closed on the "Independence Day." The B.P.C.C. has requested the Millowners Association to declare Holiday for the Mills on Friday, in place of the Sunday following, and we hope and trust that that Association will respect the popular feelings and do the needful.

The programme for the Day will include Flag Salutations, sale of Button Flags in lacs, processions and mass meetings. We expect that a large number of citizens will hoist the National Flag on their houses and residences. The Congress volunteers and our Sevikas will move round selling these Flags.

The Independence Pledge has been printed in all the important languages spoken in the City and it will be distributed free of cost in all parts of the City.

A special appeal has been made to Volunteer Corps and Gymnasiums to send their volunteers so that peace and order can be effectively maintained at the demonstrations of the Day.

The Independence Day this year, more than at any time in the past, is a day of trial for all those who believe in the lead of the Congress in all National affairs. Every Congressman will no doubt regard it his 'Dharma' to attend one of the mass meetings and join the mass of people in taking the Independence Pledge. Those who cannot attend owing to sickness or any other unavoidable difficulty should kindly sign the pledge and send it to the Office of the B.P.C.C.

B. B. & C. I. Ry, Union To Demand War Allowance For Workers

The B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union has drawn a programme of seven public meetings to be held at various places in the Bombay Division for the purpose of explaining to the workers the decisions of the Mahagai Conference as also the line of measures the Council of Action has adopted to secure the demand of 40 per cent War Allowance.

One of these meetings was held at Virar. Mr. L. K. Oak, the General Secretary of the Union and Baijnath Singh, the Treasurer addressed it. Another meeting was held at Grant Road Cement Chawls, on Jan. 13 Messrs L. K. Oak and T. T. Suryavamshi addressed it.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN RAJKOT

Arts College Staff Given Notice

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Jan. 14.

In accordance with the decision, arrived at by the State, when formulating the Reforms scheme, to close down the Dharmendrasinghji Arts College, it is reliably understood, that the Professors and other members of the Staff have been given notice of termination of their services at the end of the term.

Durbar Virawalla's health, according to a fresh report, has been now improving and he is likely to return here in a short time. The administration is being conducted by the newly appointed Council, but as Mr Bhojwalla, son of Durbar Virawalla is absent, work is actually carried on by Mr. Chinoy, Bar.-at-Law.

Mr. Shattock, I.C.S., special Officer, who is touring different States, in connection with talks about Federation 'vis-a-vis' attitude of the States regarding any scheme of future constitution of India, has been touring Saberkantna Agency area. Mr. Shattock, has already had talks with premier States of Kathiawar After the compltion of his tour it is understood, he will submit a detailed report to the Political Department.

VICTIMS OF FAMINE.

The plight of the poor and the cattle in the famine stricken area in this province is pathetic. Tail schemes of relief have been announced by various States, but in actual practice, nothing substantial, by way of giving relief is being done. The water scarcity problem in various places including Rajkot, becomes more acute day by day, yet no adequate scheme is known to have been taken in hand, to provide for normal supply of water.

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SAVARKAR ON VICEROY'S "OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS"

Why Demand Full-fledged Unity As Condition Precedent To Constitutional Reform?

"I feel no hesitation in noting that so far as a promise goes, the announcement made by H.E. Lord Linlithgow regarding the intention of the British Government of introducing a Constitution granting India Dominion Status as envisaged in the Westminster Statute at the earliest date practicable, was clear and definite," says Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President, Hindu Sabha, in the course of a statement.

"The proposal of expanding the Central Executive Council by the inclusion of a number of political leaders "as an immediate earnest of the Government's intention referred to above" is also not likely to be objected to by the Hindu Sanghatanist Party in general. The policy of responsive co-operation implies that every inch of ground opened out on the path of constitutional progress must be occupied and utilised with a view to further progress. The immediate expansion of the Central Executive Council can be a step in that direction provided that some of the accredited spokesmen of the Hindu Mahasabha are included in the Executive Council with a genuine desire on the part of the Government to seek and give effect to their counsel.

"OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS"

"But the condition which the Viceroy has laid down in connection with these constitutional changes is almost sure to frustrate the practicability of these proposals and it must be clearly pointed out that it has a ring of obstructive tactics about it. If the British Government is to wait, till there is a harmonious and full-fledged unity amongst all the conflicting parties and interests in India and make it a condition precedent to the introduction of this constitutional reform, then they will have to wait forever.

The history of constitutional progress in almost all countries shows that such a harmonious and full-fledged unity of all conflicting interests and parties which have been to some extent deliberately fomented and aggravated in India by the Governmental policy in the past, can never precede in full and at a stroke before the introduction of a national constitution but can only follow it.

If the British Government is genuinely anxious to introduce a Dominion Constitution in India, as His Excellency the Viceroy assures us, in his speech, then the best and the most practical way to that end would be that the British Government should frame a Dominion constitution on the broad and universally accepted principles of Democracy after consulting all parties and interests in India, in general, taking the greatest measure of agreement they arrive at as its basis and solving the vexed question of the minorities in the light of the rules laid down by the League of Nations and accepted by almost all democratic and free States in the world to which Great Britain and the Indian Government as well had subscribed their consent and approval,—and introduce that constitution with a stern hand in India at the earliest possible date.

WHAT IS THE DIFFICULTY?

"Why His Excellency should be so cherishing almost a religious reverence for securing an unanimous consent of the conflicting interests and parties in India only with regard to the introduction of the dominion constitution, passes understanding. When an undiluted autocracy was introduced in India under the emergency powers only the other day,—was any plebiscite taken to secure a harmonious and united consent of the Indian people? Was the Federal Scheme on whose relative virtues His Excellency is so eloquent based on any such harmonious and full-fledged unanimity of Indian opinion when it was passed into an Act and brought into operation? If, then, the British Government can thrust undiluted alien autocracy on India, can they not thrust a blessing of a dominion constitution based on universally accepted principles of national democracy and the rules laid down by the League of Nations in connection with the minority problem,—even in spite of the dissent of any anti-National and aggressive party here and there?

MILITARY COMMISSIONS

"I may mention here in passing that it is a step in the right direction that the Government has taken in announcing that the emergency commissions to the Military Service are thrown open to all Indians alike without any distinction of class or creed. I exhort the Government to make a general announcement in the same spirit and do away with the humiliating and unreal distinction in connection with the Military Service of Listed and non-Listed, of Military and non-Military classes, altogether and throw all recruitment to the Military, Naval and Aerial service open to all Indians alike basing selection on the only common standard of personal merit".

SIDHWA ON VICEROY'S STATEMENT

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mayor of Karachi and a member of the A.I.C.C., arrived in Bombay this morning.

Mr. Sidhwa is on his way to Madras to attend to some civic engagements accepted at the invitation of Mr. S. Satyamurty.

Interviewed on the Viceroy's latest pronouncement Mr. Sidhwa said that it was an improvement on the former statements. An assurance had been given that the British Government's concern was to reduce to the minimum the interval between the existing state of things and Dominion Status.

But even this declaration he said was vague. The British Government should have given a clear indication as to the time limit.

Having specified the time, the Viceroy could have called upon the Congress to settle the communal and minority questions.

Referring to the Viceroy's Executive Council, Mr. Sidhwa said that the Congress would expect the Viceroy to take a larger number of representatives of the Congress on the Executive Council. One or two representatives would be insufficient.

Mr. Sidhwa will leave for Madras by the Madras Express on Tuesday.

Babu Subhas Chandra Bose addressing a public meeting at Chowpatty on Saturday evening.

ZAFRULLA AS C. P. GOVERNOR?

(From A Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, (By Mail)

Reports are current at Nagpur that when His Excellency Sir Francis Wylie goes on leave in near future, Sir Mohommed Zafrulla who is retiring from the Viceroy's Executive Council may be appointed as Governor of C. P. and that when Sir Jagdish Prasad retires from the Viceroy's Executive Council, Dr. E. Raghavendra Rao may succeed him.

Kher To Be Adult Education Committee President

The Government of Bombay has appointed Mr. B. G. Kher, to be the President of the Bombay Adult Education Committee.

Raids On Frontier

Wazir Tribesmen Loot Shops In Bannu Villages

BANNU, Jan. 15.

A party of about 50 Bhittanis and Alikhel Wazirs, along with Ghulam Sarwar, a notorious Marwat outlaw, raided the village of Lakkhimarwar last evening. Three shops in the Minkhel Bazar were looted. The shopkeepers put up a resistance and fired at the raiders. It is reported that one raider was found dead on the spot and the trail of blood indicated that there were more casualties among the dacoits.

One Hindu is reported to have been shot dead. Two armoured cars with a reinforcement of Police and the Frontier constabulary were immediately sent in motor lorries. The Deputy Commissioner has ordered the posting of pickets in all the roads leading to the hills from Lakkhimarwar which is 40 miles from the hills.

PESHAWAR REPORT

PESHAWAR.—One Hindu villager and one raider were killed when a large armed gang raided Lakkhi town in Bannu district last night. Three shops were looted by the Wazirs.

Trans-border raiders attacked the Malik (headman) of the village this morning, near the Nasrafi Post, Kohat District and firing was exchanged.—United Press.

KARACHI, Jan. 15:—Mr. Sidhwa, Mayor of Karachi, left for Madras on the invitation of Mr. S. Satyamurthi, Mayor of Madras.—United Press.

MANZILGAH DISPUTE

Hindus Demand Judicial Tribunal

KARACHI, Jan. 15.

In connection with the press report that the Sind Government would be willing to hand over Manzilgah to the Muslims of Sukkur if they arrived at a settlement with the Hindus, Mr. Bhojraj, Secretary of the Hindu Maha Sabha, Sukkur, wires to the United Press as follows:—

"Hindus demand outside independent judicial tribunal to decide Manzilgah issue. Any other decision not acceptable to the Hindus."—United Press.

New Law Member Of Nizam's Government

HYDERABAD (Decn) Jan. 15.

Mr. Syed Abdul Aziz, Advocate, Patna, has been appointed Law Member for three years to the Nizam's Government in succession to Nawab Mirza Yar Jung Bahadur. Mr. Syed Abdul Aziz is President of the Bihar Provincial Muslim League, member of the Working Committee of the All India Muslim League and Member of the Bihar Assembly. He was formerly Education Minister in Bihar Government.—A. P.

Central Majlis Ittihad-ul-Musalmin

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), Jan. 15.

Elaborate arrangements are being made to hold the annual gathering of Central Majlis Ittihad-ul-Musalmin on January 21, 22 and 23 in Hyderabad City.

It is understood Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung Bahadur will preside while Mr. Jinnah is expected to open the gathering though he has not yet accepted the invitation.

Major Duggal Released

Scouts, Troops And Aircrafts Try To Intercept Dangerous Gang

PESHAWAR, Jan. 15.

Major Amarnath Duggal, I. M. S., who was kidnapped by the Mahsuds from Dera Ismail Khan Tank Road two months ago, has been released without payment of any ransom by the Government.

The release has been effected with the help of the friendly Maliks of the tribe. Two other Hindus who were kidnapped by the same tribesmen have also been released. They were brought to Sorarogha at 8 p.m. last night.

Major Duggal was kidnapped on November 24 when a gang believed to consist of about forty Mahsuds and Bhitannis held up a Military Staff Car at mile 32 on the Dera Ismail Khan Tank Road. They shot the Sikh driver and kidnapped Major A. N. Duggal, I.M.S., who is Deputy Assistant Director, Pathology of Waziristan District.

The gang also looted a lorry belonging to a Wazir Malik and kidnapped two Hindus who were travelling in it. One of these Hindus was subsequently murdered. Regular troops from Manzai, Scouts from Jandola and Frontier Constabulary co-operated in endeavours to intercept the gang, and Aircraft also assisted.—A.P.

Major Duggal At Dera Ismail Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Jan. 15.

Major Duggal and two other Hindus, who have been released by the tribesmen arrived in Dera Ismail Khan this afternoon. Major Duggal was accompanied by the Superintendent of Police and was profusely garlanded on arrival. There was a display of fireworks in honour of his release. Major Duggal looked quite cheerful.—A.P.

THREE KIDNAPPED HINDUS RESCUED

Pursuit Party's Successful Effort

BANNU, Jan. 15.

Of the five Hindus, who were kidnapped from the village of Ghoriwala on Friday night, three including one girl have been rescued by the pursuit party despatched by the villagers.

It will be recalled that the raiders had kidnapped five Hindus including one woman and two girls from the village of Ghoriwala about midnight on Friday.—A. P.

TROOPS MOVEMENTS ON FRONTIER

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15.

The Associated Press learns that certain reinforcements of troops are being drafted to Frontier Stations.

It is officially explained here that these movements are in connection with normal reliefs.—A.P.

WHERE KATJU DISAGREES WITH SIR MAURICE

Practicability Of Constituent Assembly

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 13.

Interviewed regarding the practicability of a Constituent Assembly during the existence of the foreign power in India, Dr. K. N. Katju, ex-Minister of Justice said that in a sense it might be correct. With a foreign power in control the idea of a Constituent Assembly struck one as somewhat unprecedented. But the background of the proposal is the assumed readiness on the part of British Government to give Independence or Dominion Status, as now understood in the British Commonwealth to India. If this assumption is right, then the proposal would seem to be entirely practicable. If the situation really amounts to this: "British Government sincerely says, you settle the minority question and present with us an agreed constitution and for our part we will not object to hand over control to the Indian people," then for the purpose of framing that agreed Constitution the best method would obviously be to convene a Constituent Assembly (of course with the assistance of British Government), elected on the widest possible franchise and then hammer out in that Assembly a Constitution acceptable to all sections of Indians, majorities and minorities alike.

If the representatives are unable to agree on any particular question then, given the desire to obtain complete self-rule, there should be no inherent difficulty to refer the question to an independent third party acceptable to all concerned. That third party, declared Mr Katju, may even be the British Government provided of course British Government do not abuse their position to purposely hinder a settlement but genuinely approach it with the real desire to bring about a speedy and amicable settlement, so that India may acquire complete control over her own affairs, as early as possible. I, however, agree if the British Government have no real desire to part with power and is not sincere in their professions of granting Dominion Status to India, then the proposal for a Constituent Assembly, in the existing circumstances would not seem quite feasible. Convening of the Assembly requires much previous planning that can be done either with the consent and co-operation of the British Government or when the British Government have gone out of India and the Indian people are masters in their own home.

Dr. Katju said he disagreed with Sir Maurice Gwyer's views on the Constituent Assembly. He felt that it was only through a Constituent Assembly that genuine representatives of the people could be elected.

Gondal Ruler Gives Alms To 30,000 Beggars

(From A Correspondent)

GONDAL, Jan. 15.

For the last sixty years, it is the unbroken practice of the Maharaja Saheb of Gondal to distribute to the poor food and raimant on the Makar Sankranti Day from his privy purse.

Yesterday the record was broken as 30,000 poor mustered strong to receive alms at the hands of the humane Maharaja Shri Bhagwatsinghji.

Manufacture Of Locomotives In India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15.

The "United Press" learns that the two officers who had been specially deputed to investigate into the problems connected with proposals for the manufacture of locomotives in India have just submitted their report. This report will be examined by the Railway Board, but it is not known whether it will be published.—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE

THE JUG OF DEATH

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